

Stern Alexander F.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Stern Alexander F.

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O LAZARD LTD, 30  
ROCKEFELLER PLAZA  
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10020

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/17/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	12/17/2012		A		85,411 (1)	A	\$ 0 (2) 153,757

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/17/2012		M	85,411 <sub>(1)</sub>	<u>(1)      <u>(1)</u></u>	Class A Common Stock	85,411 <sub>(1)</sub>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stern Alexander F. C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10020			Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Alexander F. Stern by Scott D. Hoffman under a Power of Attorney      12/19/2012

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Reporting Person      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The reporting person exchanged 85,411 previously granted Restricted Stock Units that were scheduled to vest on March 1, 2013 for 85,411 shares of restricted Class A Common Stock that are scheduled to vest on the same date. The restricted Class A Common Stock is subject to the same general terms and conditions of, and the restrictive covenants that applied to, the Restricted Stock Units exchanged by the reporting person.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.

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