

Lazard Ltd  
Form 8-K  
May 11, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) May 10, 2005

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**Lazard Ltd**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Bermuda**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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**001-32492**

(Commission File Number)

**98-0437848**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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**Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda**

**HM 11**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**441-295-1422**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On May 10, 2005, Lazard Ltd (the Company ) consummated the initial public offering of its Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 6.625% equity security units, as well as the separation and recapitalization transactions related thereto, including Lazard Group LLC 's private placement of 7.125% Senior Notes due 2015 and the redemption of the historical partner interests as described in the Company 's Forms S-1, as amended (File Nos. 333-121407 and 333-123463).

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 11, 2005

**LAZARD LTD**

By: /s/ Scott D. Hoffman

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Name: Scott D. Hoffman  
Title: General Counsel