

Lazard Ltd  
Form 8-K  
February 11, 2015

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 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): February 10, 2015**

**Lazard Ltd**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Bermuda**  
**(State of Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-32492**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**98-0437848**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification Number)**

**Clarendon House**

**2 Church Street**

**Hamilton, Bermuda**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**HM-11**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 295-1422**

**Not Applicable**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. 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 February 10, 2015, Lazard Ltd issued a press release announcing the intention of its subsidiary Lazard Group LLC ( Lazard Group ) to offer an aggregate principal amount of \$400 million of Lazard Group s Senior Notes due 2025 (the Notes ) in a registered public offering pursuant to Lazard Group s shelf registration statement on Form S-3, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 29, 2014 (Registration No. 333-196350). The February 10, 2015 press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The Notes will have an interest rate of 3.750% per annum and will be issued at a price equal to 99.718% of their face value. Lazard Group intends to use the net proceeds of the Notes offering, together with cash on hand, to redeem or otherwise retire \$450 million of its outstanding 6.85% Senior Notes due June 15, 2017 (the Existing 2017 Notes ) in accordance with the terms of the indenture governing the Existing 2017 Notes and to pay fees and expenses related to the foregoing. Lazard Group estimates that it will incur a loss on debt extinguishment in connection with the redemption or retirement of such Existing 2017 Notes of approximately \$61 million, net of tax.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description                            |
|-------------|--|
| 99.1        | Press Release, dated February 10, 2015 |

**SIGNATURES**

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

**LAZARD LTD**

By: /s/ Matthieu Bucaille  
Name: Matthieu Bucaille  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 10, 2015

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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