BHUTANI ASHISH

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BHUTANI ASHISH**

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

(Month/Day/Year)

08/18/2017

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

below) CEO of Lazard Asset Management

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10112

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A)	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Restricted Class A Common Stock	08/18/2017		M	2,449	A	<u>(1)</u>	50,995	D	
Restricted Class A Common Stock	08/18/2017		F	1,368 (2)	D	\$ 42.42 (3)	49,627 (4)	D	

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)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Numb orDerivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5)	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (5)	<u>(6)</u>	08/18/2017		A	2,449		<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Class A Common Stock	2,449
Restricted Stock Units (1)	(1)	08/18/2017		M		2,449	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Restricted Class A Common Stock	2,449

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BHUTANI ASHISH C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10112	X		CEO of Lazard Asset Management				

Signatures

/s/ Ashish Bhutani by Scott D. Hoffman under a P of A 08/22/2017

**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).

Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") granted to the reporting person pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of underlying Performance-based Restricted Stock Unit ("PRSU") awards have become subject to taxation and have been settled in the form

(1) of Restricted Class A Common Stock. The Restricted Class A Common Stock, excluding the portion retained by the Company in order to cover taxes required to be withheld, will remain subject to all restrictive covenants and sales restrictions contained in the underlying award agreements until the original vesting dates set forth therein.

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Represents shares of Class A Common Stock retained by the Company to cover taxes required to be withheld in connection with the settlement of RSUs.

- (3) Represents the New York Stock Exchange closing price of Class A Common Stock on August 17, 2017, the trading day immediately preceding the settlement date.
- (4) Amount excludes 523,456 shares of Class A Common Stock directly or indirectly beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (5) Additional RSUs were acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of underlying PRSU awards.
- (6) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.
- (7) Of these RSUs, 345 will vest on or around March 1, 2018, 1,078 will vest on or around March 1, 2019, and 1,026 will vest on or around March 2, 2020.

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