

Lazard Ltd  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2006

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**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) March 23, 2006

**Lazard Ltd**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Bermuda**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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

**98-0437848**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**HM 11**  
(Zip Code)

**441-295-1422**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**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)

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

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On March 23, 2006, the Board of Directors of Lazard Ltd (the Board of Directors ) elected Sylvia Jay, Hal S. Scott, and Michael J. Turner to the Board of Directors. A copy of Lazard Ltd 's press release announcing this information is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. Lady Jay and Mr. Turner have each been appointed as members of the Nominating & Governance Committee and the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Professor Scott has been appointed chairman of the Nominating & Governance Committee and as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Report on Form 8-K:

- 99.1 Press Release issued on March 23, 2006.

**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: March 23, 2006

**LAZARD LTD**

By: /s/ Scott D. Hoffman

Name: Scott D. Hoffman

Title: Managing Director and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release issued on March 23, 2006.