

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

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

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

(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

Name: Scott D. Hoffman
Title: General Counsel