Lazard Ltd Form 8-K June 19, 2012

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): June 13, 2012

Lazard Ltd

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

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001-32492
(Commission 98-0437848
(IRS Employer

File Number) Identification No.)

Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
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)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On June 13, 2012, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Lazard Ltd (the Company) elected Richard D. Parsons to the Board. A copy of the Company s press release announcing this information is being filed as exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. After it completes its review and analysis, the Board plans to appoint Mr. Parsons to one or more committees of the Board, at which time the Company expects to file an amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit
Number
Description of Exhibit

99.1
Press Release issued on June 13, 2012.

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

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Scott D. Hoffman Name: Scott D. Hoffman

Title: Managing Director and General Counsel

Dated: June 19, 2012

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99.1 Press Release issued on June 13, 2012.