Lazard Ltd Form S-8 February 10, 2014

Registration No. 333-

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM S-8

## REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**UNDER** 

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

## LAZARD LTD

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda (State or other jurisdiction of

98-0437848 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

**Identification No.)** 

**Clarendon House** 

2 Church Street

Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda

(441) 295-1422

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

**Lazard Ltd 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan** 

(Full title of the plan)

Scott D. Hoffman, Esq.

**Lazard Ltd** 

30 Rockefeller Plaza

New York, New York 10020

(212) 632-6000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

Erik R. Tavzel, Esq.

Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP

**Worldwide Plaza** 

825 Eighth Avenue

New York, NY 10019

(212) 474-1000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer "

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

## **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

	Proposed		
Amount	Maximum	Proposed	
to be	Offering Price	Maximum Aggregate	
Registered(1)	Per Share(2)	Offering Price(2)	Amount of Registration Fee(3)
20,000,000	¢42.17	¢1 265 100 000	\$162,944.88
	to be Registered(1)	Amount Maximum to be Offering Price Registered(1) Per Share(2)	Amount Maximum to be Offering Price Maximum Aggregate  Registered(1) Per Share(2) Offering Price(2)

- (1) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), this Registration Statement also includes (i) such additional shares of common stock as may be required pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions of the Lazard Ltd 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan (the Plan ) and (ii) an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the Plan.
- (2) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(h) and 457(c) under the Securities Act, solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee, based on the average of the high and low prices of the securities being registered hereby on the New York Stock Exchange on February 3, 2014.
- (3) Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, a filing fee is only being paid with respect to the registration of additional securities under the Plan. A Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been filed previously on November 4, 2008 (File No. 333-154977) for the existing securities under the Plan.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Registration Statement is filed pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8. The contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 previously filed on November 4, 2008 (File No. 333-154977) are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is filed by Lazard Ltd, a Bermuda exempted company (the Company ), to register an additional 30,000,000 shares of the Company s Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, which may be awarded under the Lazard Ltd 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan.

#### Part II

# INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 8. Exhibits.

- 5.1 Opinion of Conyers Dill & Pearman Limited.
- 23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 23.2 Consent of Conyers Dill & Pearman Limited (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page to this Registration Statement).
- 99.1 Lazard Ltd 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Annex B to the Company s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A (File No. 001-32492) filed on March 24, 2008).

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Lazard Ltd certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on February 10, 2014.

#### LAZARD LTD

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

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Scott D. Hoffman and Matthieu Bucaille, and each of them (with full power to act alone), his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, of and supplements to this registration statement, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto any such attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, to all intents and purposes and as fully as they might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of their respective substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Kenneth M. Jacobs		February 10,
Kenneth M. Jacobs	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director ( <i>Principal Executive Officer</i> )	2014
/s/ Matthieu Bucaille		February 10,
Matthieu Bucaille	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	2014
/s/ Dominick Ragone	Chief Accounting Officer	February 10, 2014
Dominick Ragone	Ciner Accounting Officer	2014
/s/ Andrew M. Alper	Director	February 10, 2014
Andrew M. Alper	Director	2014

/s/ Ashish Bhutani	Director	February 10, 2014	
Ashish Bhutani			
/s/ Steven J. Heyer	Director	February 10, 2014	
Steven J. Heyer	Director	2014	
/s/ Sylvia Jay	Director	February 10, 2014	
Sylvia Jay	Director	2014	
/s/ Philip A. Laskawy	Director	February 10, 2014	
Philip A. Laskawy	Director	2014	

/s/ Laurent Mignon	Director	February 10, 2014
Laurent Mignon	Director	2014
/s/ Richard D. Parsons	Director	February 10, 2014
Richard D. Parsons	Director	2014
/s/ Hal S. Scott	Director	February 10, 2014
Hal S. Scott	Director	2014
/s/ Michael J. Turner	Dinactor	February 10,
Michael J. Turner	Director	2014

# AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed below by the undersigned as the duly authorized representative of Lazard Ltd in the United States on February 10, 2014.

/s/ Scott D. Hoffman Scott D. Hoffman

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