

Lazard Ltd
Form 8-K
July 28, 2011

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) July 22, 2011

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
File Number)

98-0437848
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
441-295-1422

HM 11
(Zip Code)

(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)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 28, 2011, Lazard Ltd issued a press release announcing financial results for its fiscal second quarter ended June 30, 2011. A copy of Lazard Ltd's press release containing this information is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Lazard Ltd under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 22, 2011, Lazard Funding Limited LLC (Lazard Funding), a subsidiary of Lazard Ltd (Lazard), entered into an agreement with Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. (Intesa) pursuant to which Lazard Funding repurchased its \$150 million subordinated convertible promissory note due 2016, held by Intesa, and guaranteed by Lazard Group LLC, a subsidiary of Lazard, for a purchase price of \$131,829,166.67 plus accrued interest of \$1,570,833.33. The repurchase was funded from available cash on hand.

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 July 28, 2011.

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: July 28, 2011

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 July 28, 2011.