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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hoffman Scott D

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/24/2018

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Officer (give title below) CAO and General Counsel

Other (specify

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

> (Street) Filed(Month/Day/Year)

NEW YORK, NY 10112

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(mstr. 1)	
Restricted Class A Common Stock	12/24/2018		M	48,321	A	(1)	48,321	D	
Restricted Class A Common Stock	12/24/2018		M	25,308	A	(1)	73,629	D	
Restricted Class A Common Stock	12/24/2018		M	38,863	D	(2)	34,766	D	

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Class A Common Stock	12/24/2018	M	38,863	A	<u>(2)</u>	127,597	D
Class A Common Stock	12/24/2018	D	38,863 (3)	D	\$ 34.8 (4)	88,734	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying So (Instr. 3 and 4	ecu
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A or N of
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units (5)	(1)	12/24/2018		M	48,321	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Restricted Class A Common Stock	4
Restricted Stock Units (6)	<u>(1)</u>	12/24/2018		M	25,308	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Restricted Class A Common Stock	2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Plante, Plantess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Hoffman Scott D								
C/O LAZARD LTD			CAO and Comerci Councel					
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA		CAO and General Counsel						
NEW YORK, NY 10112								

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/s/ Scott D. 12/27/2018 Hoffman

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The reporting person has become eligible for retirement under the Company's RSU Retirement Policy, which is described in the Company's 2018 Proxy Statement. As a result of the foregoing, certain RSUs, and certain PRSUs for which the performance conditions have been satisfied, that were previously granted to the reporting person are no longer subject to the service-based vesting requirements contained in the underlying award agreements. Such RSUs and PRSUs (for which the performance conditions have been satisfied) are

- being treated as subject to taxation and have been settled in the form of Restricted Class A Common Stock. The Restricted Class A Common Stock, excluding any portion that the reporting person is permitted to sell solely in order to pay the related taxes (in accordance with the applicable award agreements), will remain subject to all restrictive covenants contained in the underlying award agreements until the original vesting dates set forth in the award agreements.
- (2) Represents the portion of the Restricted Class A Common Stock that the reporting person is permitted to sell solely in order to pay the related taxes (in accordance with the applicable award agreements).
- (3) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock sold to the Company to cover estimated taxes arising from the settlement of PRSUs and RSUs.
- (4) Represents the New York Stock Exchange closing price of Class A Common Stock on December 21, 2018, the trading day immediately preceding the settlement date of the PRSUs and RSUs referenced in Footnote (1).
- (5) Represents prior grants of PRSUs awarded with respect to compensation for 2015 and 2016 for which performance conditions have been satisfied. These grants were previously reflected in the Company's proxy statements for the relevant years.
- (6) Represents RSUs previously acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of underlying PRSU awards.

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