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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): July 29, 2008

Lazard Group LLC
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**333-126751**	**51-0278097**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	**(Commission File Number)**	**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York
New York, 10020
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-632-6000

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

On July 29, 2008, Lazard Ltd ("Lazard") announced the election of Philip A. Laskawy to its Board of Directors (the "Board"). A copy of the press release announcing this information is being furnished as Exhibits 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Mr. Laskawy was also elected as a member of the Board of Directors of Lazard Group LLC and has been appointed as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board of Lazard, for Steven J. Heyer, who served on the Audit Committee on an interim basis. Mr. Heyer will continue in his role as Chair of Lazard's Compensation Committee and as a member of Lazard's Nominating & Governance Committee.

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 of Lazard Ltd issued on July 29, 2008.

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.

LAZARD GROUP LLC,

By: /s/ Scott D. Hoffman
Name: Scott D. Hoffman
Title: Managing Director and General Counsel

Date: July 30, 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release issued on July 29, 2008.

Exhibit 99.1

LAZARD

For Immediate Release

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LAZARD ELECTS PHILIP A. LASKAWY TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NEW YORK, July 29, 2008 – Lazard Ltd (NYSE: LAZ) today announced that it has elected Philip A. Laskawy to the firm's Board of Directors, effective immediately. Mr. Laskawy also will serve on Lazard's Audit Committee.

Mr. Laskawy most recently served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ernst & Young, a global leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services. He retired from Ernst & Young in 2001, after 40 years of service with the professional services firm. Mr. Laskawy also is a member of the Board of Directors of General Motors Corp., Capgemini, Loews Corp., Henry Schein, Inc., and Discover Financial Services.

Mr. Laskawy serves as Vice Chairman of the International Accounting Standards Committee Foundation, which oversees the setting of accounting standards in over 100 countries. He was formerly a member of the Independence Standards Board, created by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to review and update rules regarding auditor independence, and the 1999 Blue Ribbon Committee on Improving the Effectiveness of Corporate Audit Committees. In addition, he serves on the boards of Dance Theater Foundation (Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater) and Educational Broadcasting Corporation (thirteen WNET/New York).

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