

BRUCE WASSERSTEIN

On October 14, 2009, Lazard announced that Bruce Wasserstein passed away at the age of 61. Mr. Wasserstein had served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lazard Ltd and Lazard Group since May 2005. Mr. Wasserstein had served as a director of Lazard Group since January 2002 and as a director of Lazard Ltd since April 2005. Mr. Wasserstein served as the Head of Lazard and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Lazard Group from January 2002 until May 2005. Prior to joining Lazard, Mr. Wasserstein was Executive Chairman at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein from January 2001 to November 2001. Prior to joining Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, he served as CEO of Wasserstein Perella Group Inc. (an investment banking firm he co-founded) from February 1988 to January 2001, when Wasserstein Perella was sold to Dresdner Bank. Prior to founding Wasserstein Perella Group Inc., Mr. Wasserstein was the Co-Head of Investment Banking at The First Boston Corporation. Prior to joining First Boston, Mr. Wasserstein was an attorney at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP. Mr. Wasserstein also served as Chairman of Wasserstein & Co., LP, a private merchant bank, and was a member of the board of directors of Harry & David Holdings, Inc.

Mr. Wasserstein was the author of a number of books, including *Big Deal: Mergers and Acquisitions in the Digital Age*. Mr. Wasserstein graduated with honors from the University of Michigan in 1967. In 1971 he graduated from Harvard Business School as a Baker Scholar with high distinction and earned a J.D. (cum laude) from Harvard Law School. In 1972 he was a Knox Traveling Fellow at Cambridge University, earning a graduate diploma in Comparative Legal Studies in Economic Regulations.
