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MICHAEL J. CASTELLANO, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, LAZARD, TO PRESENT AT THE BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 11, 2009

NEW YORK, November 9, 2009 – Michael J. Castellano, Chief Financial Officer of Lazard Ltd (NYSE: LAZ), is scheduled to deliver a presentation at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Banking & Financial Services Conference on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. EST.

The presentation will be available via a live audio webcast on the Lazard Investor Relations site at www.lazard.com. A replay will be available on the same website by the next day, and for 14 days following the conference.

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These factors include, but are not limited to, those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K under Item 1A "Risk Factors," and also disclosed from time to time in reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K including the following:

- *A decline in general economic conditions or the global financial markets;*
- *Losses caused by financial or other problems experienced by third parties;*
- *Losses due to unidentified or unanticipated risks;*
- *A lack of liquidity, i.e., ready access to funds, for use in our businesses; and*
- *Competitive pressure.*

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