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WILL LAWES TO JOIN LAZARD AS A MANAGING DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL ADVISORY

LONDON, 15 December, 2016 – Lazard Ltd (NYSE: LAZ) announced today that Will Lawes will join the firm as a Managing Director in Financial Advisory, effective January 9. Based in London, he will advise FTSE 100 and other boards on strategic and financial matters.

“Will is one of the most respected advisors in the City, having spent over twenty-five years counseling management teams and boards of the UK’s largest companies,” said William Rucker, CEO of Lazard London. “His expertise will be of tremendous advantage not only to our clients, but also to our colleagues in London and globally.”

“Lazard has an enviable reputation in the boardrooms of businesses all around the world,” said Mr Lawes. “I have advised, worked alongside or across the table from its bankers for many years, and I look forward to returning to serving clients with the benefit of the full resources of Lazard.”

Mr Lawes was most recently Senior Partner (Executive Chairman) of the global law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, a position he held from January 2011, following six years as Co-Head of the firm’s Financial Institutions Group. He joined Freshfields in 1986 and became Partner in 1994, principally focusing on public and private mergers and acquisitions; reorganisations and demergers; hostile M&A and activism defence; and capital raisings.

Mr Lawes was educated at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, and is a visiting fellow at the Centre for Corporate Reputation, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford. He is also a DTI Business Ambassador.

Lazard has served as lead advisor to clients on a number of the most significant M&A transactions involving UK companies this year, including Anheuser-Busch InBev’s acquisition of SABMiller and the sale of ARM Holdings to Softbank.

About Lazard

Lazard, one of the world’s preeminent financial advisory and asset management firms, operates from 42 cities across 27 countries in North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, Central and South America. With origins dating to 1848, the firm provides advice on mergers and acquisitions, strategic matters, restructuring and capital structure, capital raising and corporate finance, as well as asset management services to corporations, partnerships, institutions, governments and individuals.

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