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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/			(Month/Day/Year)	Lazard Ltd [LAZ, LDZ]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/05/2005		
85 BROAD ST,Â			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10004			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	6,075,000	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Class	Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
6.625% Equity Security Units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$ (4)	I	See Footnote (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ 85 BROAD ST NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 85 BROAD ST C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO NEW YORK, NY 10004	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Ted Chang,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/23/2005

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- (1) The securities reported herein, were beneficially owned directly by Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
- (2) May 15, 2008, subject to earlier exercise upon certain events.
- (3) The reporting persons beneficially owned 145,200 Units. See Note 4.

- (4) Each Unit must be converted into Class A Common Stock of the Issuer on May 15, 2008, at a ratio based on the closing price of Class A Common Stock during the twenty trading days starting April 15, 2008. If the closing price is less than or equal to \$25.00, each Unit will be exchanged for 1 share; if greater than or equal to \$30.00, 0.8333 shares; and if between \$25.00 and \$30.00, a fraction of one share between 0.8333 and 1.

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Remarks:

Attached as Exhibits 24.1 and 24.2 to this Form 3 are the powers of attorney for The Goldman Sachs & Co.

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