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LAZARD GLOBAL TOTAL RETURN & INCOME FUND DECLARES MONTHLY DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, January 16, 2009 – The Board of Directors of Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund (**NYSE:LGI**) has authorized the Fund to declare today, pursuant to a level distribution policy, a monthly dividend distribution of \$0.1042 per share on the company's outstanding common stock. The dividend is payable on February 23, 2009 to shareholders of record on February 11, 2009. The ex-dividend date is February 9, 2009.

Portfolio data as of December 31, 2008 including performance, asset allocation, top 10 holdings, sector weightings, regional exposure, and other Fund characteristics have been posted on Lazard Asset Management's website, www.Lazardnet.com.

The Fund's objective is total return, consisting of capital appreciation and current income. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by primarily investing in a portfolio of approximately 35 to 45 equity securities with a market capitalization of at least \$5 billion at the time of purchase, that are domiciled in those countries that comprise the MSCI World Index. The Fund seeks enhanced income by investing in short duration (typically below one year) emerging market forward currency contracts and other emerging market debt instruments.

An indirect subsidiary of Lazard Ltd (NYSE: LAZ), Lazard Asset Management LLC (LAM), the Fund's investment manager, offers a range of equity, fixed-income, and alternative investment products worldwide. As of September 30, 2008, LAM and affiliated asset management companies in the Lazard Group managed more than \$113 billion worth of client assets. For more information about LAM, please go to www.Lazardnet.com.

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