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LAZARD WORLD DIVIDEND & INCOME FUND DECLARES MONTHLY DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, December 15, 2008 – The Board of Directors of Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund (**NYSE:LOR**) has authorized the Fund to declare today a monthly dividend distribution of \$0.1167 per share on the company's outstanding common stock. The dividend is payable on January 23, 2009 to shareholders of record on January 12, 2009. The ex-dividend date is January 8, 2009.

Portfolio data as of November 30, 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, through a combination of dividends, income, and capital appreciation. The Fund's net assets are invested in a portfolio of approximately 60 to 90 world equity securities, consisting primarily of the highest dividend-yielding stocks selected from the current holdings of other accounts managed by Lazard Asset Management. The equity portfolio is broadly diversified in both developed and emerging market countries and across the capitalization spectrum. 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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