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STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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Lazard Retirement Series, Inc. (the "Fund") is a no-load, open-end management investment company known as a mutual fund. This Statement of Additional Information, which is not a prospectus, supplements and should be read in conjunction with the current Prospectuses of the Fund, dated May 1, 2009, as each may be revised from time to time, relating to the following ten portfolios (individually, a "Portfolio" and collectively, the "Portfolios"):

Lazard Retirement U.S. Equity Value Portfolio ("Equity Value Portfolio")	Lazard Retirement International Strategic Equity Portfolio ("International Strategic Portfolio")
Lazard Retirement U.S. Strategic Equity Portfolio ("Strategic Equity Portfolio")	Lazard Retirement International Small Cap Equity Portfolio ("International Small Cap Portfolio")
Lazard Retirement U.S. Small-Mid Cap Equity Portfolio ("Small-Mid Cap Portfolio")*	Lazard Retirement Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio ("Emerging Markets Portfolio")
Lazard Retirement International Equity Portfolio ("International Equity Portfolio")	Lazard Retirement Developing Markets Equity Portfolio ("Developing Markets Portfolio")
Lazard Retirement International Equity Select Portfolio ("International Equity Select Portfolio")	Lazard Retirement Capital Allocator Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio ("Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio")

Only shares of Strategic Equity, Small-Mid Cap, International Equity and Emerging Markets Portfolios are currently in operation. Shares of the other Portfolios may be offered upon request.

Each Portfolio currently offers two classes of shares—Service Shares and Investor Shares. Service Shares and Investor Shares are identical, except as to the services offered to, and expenses borne by, each Class.

Shares of the Portfolios are currently offered only through variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies (together, "Policies") offered by the separate accounts of certain insurance companies ("Participating Insurance Companies"). Not all Portfolios or share classes may be available through a particular Policy. Shares may also be offered to certain qualified pension and retirement plans and accounts permitting accumulation of assets on a tax-deferred basis ("Eligible Plans"). Differences in tax treatment or other considerations may cause the interests of Policy owners and Eligible Plan participants investing in a Portfolio to conflict. The Fund's Board of Directors will monitor each Portfolio for any material conflicts and determine what action, if any, should be taken. For information about Eligible Plan investing, or to obtain a copy of the Fund's Prospectuses, please write or call the Fund at the address and telephone number above.

The Fund's most recent Annual Report and Semi-Annual Report to Shareholders are separate documents supplied with this Statement of Additional Information, and the financial statements, accompanying notes and report of independent registered public accounting firm appearing in the Annual Report are incorporated by reference into this Statement of Additional Information.

* Until June 1, 2009, known as Lazard Retirement U.S. Small Cap Equity Portfolio, but for simplicity referred to throughout this Statement of Additional Information as Small-Mid Cap Portfolio.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND AND PORTFOLIOS

The Fund is a Maryland corporation organized on February 13, 1997. Each Portfolio is a separate series of the Fund, an open-end management investment company, known as a mutual fund. Each Portfolio is a diversified investment company, which means that, with respect to 75% of its total assets, the Portfolio will not invest more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any single issuer nor hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any single issuer.

Lazard Asset Management LLC serves as the investment manager (the "Investment Manager") to each of the Portfolios. Lazard Asset Management Securities LLC (the "Distributor") is the distributor of each Portfolio's shares.

Certain Portfolio Securities

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's Prospectuses.

Depository Receipts. Each Portfolio may invest in the securities of foreign issuers in the form of American Depositary Receipts and American Depositary Shares (collectively, "ADRs") and Global Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Shares (collectively, "GDRs"). These securities may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the securities into which they may be converted. ADRs are receipts typically issued by a United States bank or trust company which evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign corporation. GDRs are receipts issued outside the United States, typically by non-United States banks and trust companies, that evidence ownership of either foreign or domestic securities. Generally, ADRs in registered form are designed for use in the United States securities markets and GDRs in bearer form are designed for use outside the United States.

These securities may be purchased through "sponsored" or "unsponsored" facilities. A sponsored facility is established jointly by the issuer of the underlying security and a depository. A depository may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by the issuer of the deposited security. Holders of unsponsored depository receipts generally bear all the costs of such facilities, and the depository of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the issuer of the deposited security or to pass through voting rights to the holders of such receipts in respect of the deposited securities.

Foreign Government Obligations; Securities of Supranational Entities. Each Portfolio may invest in obligations issued or guaranteed by one or more foreign governments or any of their political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities that are determined by the Investment Manager to be of comparable quality to the other obligations in which the Portfolio may invest. Such securities also include debt obligations of supranational entities. Supranational entities include international organizations designated or supported by governmental entities to promote economic reconstruction or development and international banking institutions and related government agencies. Examples include the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank), the European Coal and Steel Community, the Asian Development Bank and the InterAmerican Development Bank.

Foreign Securities. Each Portfolio may invest in non-U.S. securities as described in the Portfolio's Prospectus(es).

Fixed-Income Securities. The Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio may invest in fixed-income securities as described in its Prospectus. In addition, Equity Value and Strategic Equity Portfolios each may invest up to 20% of its assets in U.S. Government securities and investment grade debt obligations of U.S. corporations; Small-Mid Cap and International Small Cap Portfolios may each invest up to 20% of

its assets in investment grade debt securities; and International Equity, International Equity Select and International Strategic Portfolios may each invest up to 20% of its assets in investment grade fixed-income securities and short-term money market instruments.

Convertible Securities. Convertible securities may be converted at either a stated price or stated rate into underlying shares of common stock. Convertible securities have characteristics similar to both fixed-income and equity securities. Convertible securities generally are subordinated to other similar but non-convertible securities of the same issuer, although convertible bonds, as corporate debt obligations, enjoy seniority in right of payment to all equity securities, and convertible preferred stock is senior to common stock, of the same issuer. Because of the subordination feature, however, convertible securities typically have lower ratings than similar non-convertible securities.

Although to a lesser extent than with fixed-income securities, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common stock. A unique feature of convertible securities is that as the market price of the underlying common stock declines, convertible securities tend to trade increasingly on a yield basis and so may not experience market value declines to the same extent as the underlying common stock. When the market price of the underlying common stock increases, the prices of the convertible securities tend to rise as a reflection of the value of the underlying common stock. While no securities investments are without risk, investments in convertible securities generally entail less risk than investments in common stock of the same issuer.

Convertible securities provide for a stable stream of income with generally higher yields than common stocks, but there can be no assurance of current income because the issuers of the convertible securities may default on their obligations. A convertible security, in addition to providing fixed income, offers the potential for capital appreciation through the conversion feature, which enables the holder to benefit from increases in the market price of the underlying common stock. There can be no assurance of capital appreciation, however, because securities prices fluctuate. Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible securities of similar quality because of the potential for capital appreciation.

Warrants. A warrant is a form of derivative that gives the holder the right to subscribe to a specified amount of the issuing corporation's capital stock at a set price for a specified period of time. A Portfolio may invest up to 5% of its total assets in warrants, except that this limitation does not apply to warrants purchased by the Portfolio that are sold in units with, or attached to, other securities.

Participation Interests. Each Portfolio may purchase from financial institutions participation interests in securities in which the Portfolio may invest.

Each Portfolio may invest in corporate obligations denominated in U.S. or foreign currencies that are originated, negotiated and structured by a syndicate of lenders ("Co-Lenders") consisting of commercial banks, thrift institutions, insurance companies, financial companies or other financial institutions one or more of which administers the security on behalf of the syndicate (the "Agent Bank"). Co-Lenders may sell such securities to third parties called "Participants." Each Portfolio may invest in such securities either by participating as a Co-Lender at origination or by acquiring an interest in the security from a Co-Lender or a Participant (collectively, "participation interests"). Co-Lenders and Participants interposed between the Portfolio and the corporate borrower (the "Borrower"), together with Agent Banks, are referred to herein as "Intermediate Participants."

Each Portfolio also may purchase a participation interest in a portion of the rights of an Intermediate Participant, which would not establish any direct relationship between the Fund, on behalf of

the Portfolio, and the Borrower. A participation interest gives the Portfolio an undivided interest in the security in the proportion that the Portfolio's participation interest bears to the total principal amount of the security. These instruments may have fixed, floating or variable rates of interest with remaining maturities of 13 months or less. If the participation interest is unrated, or has been given a rating below that which is permissible for purchase by the Portfolio, the participation interest will be collateralized by U.S. Government securities, or, in the case of unrated participation interests, the Investment Manager must have determined that the instrument is of comparable quality to those instruments in which the Portfolio may invest. The Portfolio would be required to rely on the Intermediate Participant that sold the participation interest not only for the enforcement of the Portfolio's rights against the Borrower, but also for the receipt and processing of payments due to the Portfolio under the security. Because it may be necessary to assert through an Intermediate Participant such rights as may exist against the Borrower, if the Borrower fails to pay principal and interest when due the Portfolio may be subject to delays, expenses and risks that are greater than those that would be involved if the Portfolio were to enforce its rights directly against the Borrower. Moreover, under the terms of a participation interest, the Portfolio may be regarded as a creditor of the Intermediate Participant (rather than of the Borrower), so that the Portfolio also may be subject to the risk that the Intermediate Participant may become insolvent. Similar risks may arise with respect to the Agent Bank if, for example, assets held by the Agent Bank for the benefit of the Portfolio were determined by the appropriate regulatory authority or court to be subject to the claims of the Agent Bank's creditors. In such case, the Portfolio might incur certain costs and delays in realizing payment in connection with the participation interest or suffer a loss of principal and/or interest. Further, in the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency of the Borrower, the obligation of the Borrower to repay the loan may be subject to certain defenses that can be asserted by such Borrower as a result of improper conduct by the Agent Bank or Intermediate Participant.

Variable and Floating Rate Securities. Variable and floating rate securities provide for a periodic adjustment in the interest rate paid on the obligations. The terms of such obligations must provide that interest rates are adjusted periodically based upon an interest rate adjustment index as provided in the respective obligations. The adjustment intervals may be regular, and range from daily up to annually, or may be event based, such as a change in the prime rate.

Each Portfolio may invest in floating rate debt instruments ("floaters"). The interest rate on a floater is a variable rate which is tied to another interest rate, such as a money-market index or Treasury bill rate. The interest rate on a floater resets periodically, typically every six months. Because of the interest rate reset feature, floaters provide the Portfolio with a certain degree of protection against rises in interest rates, although the Portfolio will participate in any declines in interest rates as well.

Each Portfolio also may invest in inverse floating rate debt instruments ("inverse floaters"). The interest rate on an inverse floater resets in the opposite direction from the market rate of interest to which the inverse floater is indexed or inversely to a multiple of the applicable index. An inverse floating rate security may exhibit greater price volatility than a fixed rate obligation of similar credit quality.

Real Estate Investment Trusts. (Strategic Equity, Small-Mid Cap and Opportunistic Strategies Portfolios) Each of these Portfolios may invest in Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs"). A REIT is a corporation, or a business trust that would otherwise be taxed as a corporation, which meets the definitional requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Code permits a qualifying REIT to deduct dividends paid, thereby effectively eliminating corporate level federal income tax and making the REIT a pass-through vehicle for federal income tax purposes. To meet the definitional requirements of the Code, a REIT must, among other things, invest substantially all of its assets in interests in real estate (including mortgages and other REITs) or cash and government securities, derive most of its income from rents from real property or interest on loans secured by mortgages on real property, and distribute to shareholders annually a substantial portion of its otherwise taxable income.

REITs are characterized as equity REITs, mortgage REITs and hybrid REITs. Equity REITs, which may include operating or finance companies, own real estate directly and the value of, and income earned by, the REITs depends upon the income of the underlying properties and the rental income they earn. Equity REITs also can realize capital gains (or losses) by selling properties that have appreciated (or depreciated) in value. Mortgage REITs can make construction, development or long-term mortgage loans and are sensitive to the credit quality of the borrower. Mortgage REITs derive their income from interest payments on such loans. Hybrid REITs combine the characteristics of both equity and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate. The values of securities issued by REITs are affected by tax and regulatory requirements and by perceptions of management skill. They also are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers or tenants, self-liquidation and the possibility of failing to qualify for tax-free status under the Code or to maintain exemption from the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

Investment Companies. Each Portfolio may invest, to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, in securities issued by investment companies which principally invest in securities of the type in which the Portfolio invests. Under the 1940 Act, a Portfolio's investment in such securities, subject to certain exceptions, currently is limited to (i) 3% of the total voting stock of any one investment company, (ii) 5% of the Portfolio's total assets with respect to any one investment company and (iii) 10% of the Portfolio's total assets in the aggregate. Investments in the securities of investment companies may involve duplication of advisory fees and certain other expenses. The Portfolios do not intend to invest in investment companies affiliated with the Fund or the Investment Manager.

For purposes of considering a Portfolio's status as a "diversified company" under Section 5(b)(1) of the 1940 Act, investments in other investment companies are excluded from the diversification test, in accordance with the language in Section 5(b)(1). As a result, the Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio (which invests primarily in Underlying Funds (as defined in the Prospectus)), may hold fewer securities than other diversified mutual funds not focusing on investments in other investment companies, although the Portfolio will gain additional diversification through the Underlying Funds' portfolios of investments. However, the Portfolio does not intend to limit its investments to Underlying Funds that are "diversified companies" or to otherwise monitor the diversification of the Underlying Funds' investments. It is currently intended that the Portfolio will investment in approximately 10 to 30 Underlying Funds.

With respect to the Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio's investments in ETFs (defined below), the Fund may enter into an agreement with certain ETFs pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") exemptive orders obtained by the ETFs and on which the Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio may rely. These agreements and orders also may require the Investment Manager to vote the Portfolio's Underlying Fund shares in proportion to votes cast by other ETF stockholders. The Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio also may invest in an Underlying Fund in excess of the limits in (i)-(iii) above if it complies with Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act, which limits the amount the Portfolio, the other Portfolios and other affiliated persons of the Portfolio can invest in any one Underlying Fund to 3% of the Underlying Fund's total outstanding stock. To comply with provisions of the 1940 Act, on any matter upon which Underlying Fund stockholders are solicited to vote the Investment Manager will vote Underlying Fund shares in the same general proportion as shares held by other stockholders of the Underlying Fund.

Exchange-Traded Funds. Investments in investment companies may include shares of exchange-traded funds (collectively, "ETFs"), which are designed to provide investment results generally corresponding to a securities index. ETFs usually are units of beneficial interest in an investment trust or represent undivided ownership interests in a portfolio of securities, in each case with respect to a portfolio of all or substantially all of the component securities of, and in substantially the same weighting as, the relevant benchmark index. ETFs are listed on an exchange and trade in the secondary market on a per-share basis.

The values of ETFs are subject to change as the values of their respective component securities fluctuate according to market volatility. Investments in ETFs that are designed to correspond to an equity index, for example, involve certain inherent risks generally associated with investments in a broadly based portfolio of common stocks, including the risk that the general level of stock prices may decline, thereby adversely affecting the value of ETFs invested in by each Portfolio. Moreover, each Portfolio's investments in ETFs may not exactly match the performance of a direct investment in the respective indices to which they are intended to correspond due to the temporary unavailability of certain index securities in the secondary market or other extraordinary circumstances, such as discrepancies with respect to the weighting of securities.

Master Limited Partnerships. (Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio only) The Portfolio may invest in equity securities of master limited partnerships ("MLPs"). An MLP generally has two classes of partners, the general partner and the limited partners. The general partner normally controls the MLP through an equity interest plus units that are subordinated to the common (publicly traded) units for an initial period and then only converting to common if certain financial tests are met. As a motivation for the general partner to successfully manage the MLP and increase cash flows, the terms of most MLPs typically provide that the general partner receives a larger portion of the net income as distributions reach higher target levels. As cash flow grows, the general partner receives a greater interest in the incremental income compared to the interest of limited partners. The general partner's incentive compensation typically increases up to 50% of incremental income. Nevertheless, the aggregate amount distributed to limited partners will increase as MLP distributions reach higher target levels. Given this incentive structure, the general partner has an incentive to streamline operations and undertake acquisitions and growth projects in order to increase distributions to all partners.

MLP common units represent an equity ownership interest in a partnership, providing limited voting rights and entitling the holder to a share of the company's success through distributions and/or capital appreciation. Unlike stockholders of a corporation, common unit holders do not elect directors annually and generally have the right to vote only on certain significant events, such as mergers, a sale of substantially all of the assets, removal of the general partner or material amendments to the partnership agreement. MLPs are required by their partnership agreements to distribute a large percentage of their current operating earnings. Common unit holders generally have first right to a minimum quarterly distribution prior to distributions to the convertible subordinated unit holders or the general partner (including incentive distributions). Common unit holders typically have arrearage rights if the minimum quarterly distribution is not met. In the event of liquidation, MLP common unit holders have first right to the partnership's remaining assets after bondholders, other debt holders, and preferred unit holders have been paid in full. MLP common units trade on a national securities exchange or over-the-counter. Some limited liability companies ("LLCs") may be treated as MLPs for federal income tax purposes. Similar to MLPs, LLCs typically do not pay federal income tax at the entity level and are required by their operating agreements to distribute a large percentage of their current operating earnings. In contrast to MLPs, LLCs have no general partner and there are no incentives that entitle management or other unit holders to increased percentages of cash distributions as distributions reach higher target levels. In addition, LLC common unit holders typically have voting rights with respect to the LLC, whereas MLP common units have limited voting rights. MLP common units and other equity securities can be affected by macro economic and other factors affecting the stock market in general, expectations of interest rates, investor sentiment towards MLPs or its business sector, changes in a particular issuer's financial condition, or unfavorable or unanticipated poor performance of a particular issuer (in the case of MLPs, generally measured in terms of distributable cash flow). Prices of common units of individual MLPs and other equity securities can also be affected by fundamentals unique to the partnership or company, including earnings power and coverage ratios.

MLP convertible subordinated units are typically issued by MLPs to founders, corporate general partners of MLPs, entities that sell assets to the MLP, and institutional investors, and may be purchased in

direct placements from such persons. The purpose of the convertible subordinated units is to increase the likelihood that during the subordination period there will be available cash to be distributed to common unit holders. Convertible subordinated units generally are not entitled to distributions until holders of common units have received specified minimum quarterly distributions, plus any arrearages, and may receive less in distributions upon liquidation. Convertible subordinated unit holders generally are entitled to a minimum quarterly distribution prior to the payment of incentive distributions to the general partner, but are not entitled to arrearage rights. Therefore, they generally entail greater risk than MLP common units. They are generally convertible automatically into the senior common units of the same issuer at a one-to-one ratio upon the passage of time or the satisfaction of certain financial tests. These units do not trade on a national exchange or over-the-counter, and there is no active market for convertible subordinated units. The value of a convertible security is a function of its worth if converted into the underlying common units. Convertible subordinated units generally have similar voting rights to MLP common units. Because convertible subordinated units generally convert to common units on a one-to-one ratio, the price that the Portfolio could be expected to pay upon purchase or to realize upon resale is generally tied to the common unit price less a discount. The size of the discount varies depending on a variety of factors including the likelihood of conversion, and the length of time remaining to conversion, and the size of the block purchased.

MLP I-Shares represent an indirect investment in MLP I-units. I-units are equity securities issued to affiliates of MLPs, typically a limited liability company, that own an interest in and manage the MLP. The issuer has management rights but is not entitled to incentive distributions. The I-Share issuer's assets consist exclusively of MLP I-units. Distributions by MLPs to I-unit holders are made in the form of additional I-units, generally equal in amount to the cash received by common unit holders of MLPs. Distributions to I-Share holders are made in the form of additional I-Shares, generally equal in amount to the I-units received by the I-Share issuer. The issuer of the I-Share is taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes; however, the MLP does not allocate income or loss to the I-Share issuer. Accordingly, investors receive a Form 1099, are not allocated their proportionate share of income of the MLPs and are not subject to state income tax filing obligations. The price of I-Shares and their volatility tend to be correlated to the price of common units, although the price correlation is not precise.

Illiquid Securities. Each Portfolio may invest up to 15% of the value of its net assets in securities as to which a liquid trading market does not exist, provided such investments are consistent with the Portfolio's investment objective. These securities may include securities that are not readily marketable, such as securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale (such as private placements and certain restricted securities), repurchase agreements providing for settlement in more than seven days after notice, certain mortgage-related securities, and certain privately negotiated, non-exchange traded options and securities used to cover such options. As to these securities, a Portfolio is subject to the risk that should the Portfolio desire to sell them when a ready buyer is not available at a price that is deemed to be representative of their value, the value of the Portfolio's net assets could be adversely affected.

Money Market Instruments; Temporary Defensive Positions. When the Investment Manager determines that adverse market conditions exist, a Portfolio may adopt a temporary defensive position and invest some or all of its assets in money market instruments, including U.S. Government securities, repurchase agreements, bank obligations and commercial paper and other short-term obligations ("Money Market Instruments"). For Emerging Markets and Developing Markets Portfolios, when the Investment Manager believes it is warranted for defensive purposes, the Portfolio may invest without limitation in high quality fixed-income securities or equity securities of U.S. companies. Each Portfolio also may purchase Money Market Instruments when it has cash reserves or in anticipation of taking a market position.

Investment Techniques

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's Prospectuses.

Borrowing Money. Each Portfolio may borrow to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, which permits an investment company to borrow in an amount up to 33⅓% of the value of its total assets (including the amount borrowed) valued at the lesser of cost or market, less liabilities (including the amount borrowed) at the time the borrowing is made. While such borrowings exceed 5% of a Portfolio's total assets, the Portfolio will not make any additional investments. Money borrowed will be subject to interest costs.

Lending Portfolio Securities. Each Portfolio may lend securities from its portfolio to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions needing to borrow securities to complete certain transactions. In connection with such loans, the Portfolio remains the owner of the loaned securities and continues to be entitled to payments in amounts equal to the interest, dividends or other distributions payable on the loaned securities. The Portfolio also has the right to terminate a loan at any time. The Portfolio may call the loan to vote proxies if a material issue affecting the Portfolio's investment is to be voted upon. Loans of portfolio securities may not exceed 33⅓% of the value of the Portfolio's total assets. The Portfolio will receive collateral consisting of cash, U.S. Government securities or irrevocable letters of credit which will be maintained at all times in an amount equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities. If the collateral consists of a letter of credit or securities, the borrower will pay the Portfolio a loan premium fee. If the collateral consists of cash, the Portfolio will reinvest the cash and pay the borrower a pre-negotiated fee or "rebate" from any return earned on the investment. Should the borrower of the securities fail financially, the Portfolio may experience delays in recovering the loaned securities or exercising its rights in the collateral. Loans are made only to borrowers that are deemed by the Investment Manager to be of good financial standing. In a loan transaction, the Portfolio will also bear the risk of any decline in value of securities acquired with cash collateral.

Derivatives. Each Portfolio may invest in, or enter into, derivatives, such as options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swap agreements, for a variety of reasons, including to hedge certain market risks, to provide a substitute for purchasing or selling particular securities or to increase potential income gain. Derivatives may provide a cheaper, quicker or more specifically focused way for the Portfolio to invest than "traditional" securities would.

Derivatives can be volatile and involve various types and degrees of risk, depending upon the characteristics of the particular derivative and the portfolio as a whole. Derivatives permit a Portfolio to increase or decrease the level of risk, or change the character of the risk, to which its portfolio is exposed in much the same way as the Portfolio can increase or decrease the level of risk, or change the character of the risk, of its portfolio by making investments in specific securities. However, derivatives may entail investment exposures that are greater than their cost would suggest, meaning that a small investment in derivatives could have a large potential impact on a Portfolio's performance.

If a Portfolio invests in derivatives at inopportune times or judges market conditions incorrectly, such investments may lower the Portfolio's return or result in a loss. A Portfolio also could experience losses if its derivatives were poorly correlated with its other investments, or if the Portfolio were unable to liquidate its position because of an illiquid secondary market. The market for many derivatives is, or suddenly can become, illiquid. Changes in liquidity may result in significant, rapid and unpredictable changes in the prices for derivatives.

The Fund will not be a commodity pool (*i.e.*, a pooled investment vehicle which trades in commodity futures contracts and options thereon and the operator of which is registered with the

Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC")). In addition, the Fund has claimed an exclusion from the definition of commodity pool operator and, therefore, is not subject to registration or regulation as a pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act.

Derivatives may be purchased on established exchanges or through privately negotiated transactions referred to as over-the-counter derivatives. Exchange-traded derivatives generally are guaranteed by the clearing agency which is the issuer or counterparty to such derivatives. This guarantee usually is supported by a daily variation margin system operated by the clearing agency in order to reduce overall credit risk. As a result, unless the clearing agency defaults, there is relatively little counterparty credit risk associated with derivatives purchased on an exchange. In contrast, no clearing agency guarantees over-the-counter derivatives. Therefore, each party to an over-the-counter derivative bears the risk that the counterparty will default. Accordingly, the Investment Manager will consider the creditworthiness of counterparties to over-the-counter derivatives in the same manner as it would review the credit quality of a security to be purchased by the Portfolio. Over-the-counter derivatives are less liquid than exchange-traded derivatives since the other party to the transaction may be the only investor with sufficient understanding of the derivative to be interested in bidding for it.

Successful use of derivatives by a Portfolio also is subject to the Investment Manager's ability to predict correctly movements in the direction of the relevant market and to the extent the transaction is entered into for hedging purposes, to ascertain the appropriate correlation between the transaction being hedged and the price movements of the futures contract. For example, if a Portfolio uses futures to hedge against the possibility of a decline in the market value of securities held in its portfolio and the prices of such securities instead increase, the Portfolio will lose part or all of the benefit of the increased value of securities which it has hedged because it will have offsetting losses in its futures positions. Furthermore, if in such circumstances the Portfolio has insufficient cash, it may have to sell securities to meet daily variation margin requirements. The Portfolio may have to sell such securities at a time when it may be disadvantageous to do so.

Pursuant to regulations and/or published positions of the SEC, a Portfolio may be required to segregate permissible liquid assets to cover its obligations relating to its transactions in derivatives. To maintain this required cover, the Portfolio may have to sell securities at disadvantageous prices or times since it may not be possible to liquidate a derivative position at a reasonable price. The segregation of such assets will have the effect of limiting the Portfolio's ability to otherwise invest those assets.

Futures Transactions—In General. Each Portfolio may enter into futures contracts in U.S. domestic markets, or (except Small-Mid Cap Portfolio) on exchanges located outside the United States. Foreign markets may offer advantages such as trading opportunities or arbitrage possibilities not available in the United States. Foreign markets, however, may have greater risk potential than domestic markets. For example, some foreign exchanges are principal markets so that no common clearing facility exists and an investor may look only to the broker for performance of the contract. In addition, any profits a Portfolio might realize in trading could be eliminated by adverse changes in the currency exchange rate, or the Portfolio could incur losses as a result of those changes. Transactions on foreign exchanges may include both commodities which are traded on domestic exchanges and those which are not. Unlike trading on domestic commodity exchanges, trading on foreign commodity exchanges is not regulated by the CFTC.

Engaging in these transactions involves risk of loss to the Portfolio which could adversely affect the value of the Portfolio's net assets. Although each of these Portfolios intends to purchase or sell futures contracts only if there is an active market for such contracts, no assurance can be given that a liquid market will exist for any particular contract at any particular time. Many futures exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in futures contract prices during a single trading day. Once the daily limit has been reached in a particular contract, no trades may be made that day at a price

beyond that limit or trading may be suspended for specified periods during the trading day. Futures contract prices could move to the limit for several consecutive trading days with little or no trading, thereby preventing prompt liquidation of futures positions and potentially subjecting the Portfolio to substantial losses.

Specific Futures Transactions. Each Portfolio may purchase and sell stock index futures contracts. A stock index future obligates the Portfolio to pay or receive an amount of cash equal to a fixed dollar amount specified in the futures contract multiplied by the difference between the settlement price of the contract on the contract's last trading day and the value of the index based on the stock prices of the securities that comprise it at the opening of trading in such securities on the next business day.

Each Portfolio other than the Small-Mid Cap and International Equity Portfolios may purchase and sell interest rate futures contracts. An interest rate future obligates the Portfolio to purchase or sell an amount of a specific debt security at a future date at a specific price.

Each Portfolio, except the Small-Mid Cap Portfolio, may buy and sell foreign currency futures. A currency future obligates the Portfolio to purchase or sell an amount of a specific currency at a future date at a specific price.

Options—In General. Each Portfolio may buy and sell (write) covered call and put options. A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and obligates the writer to sell, the underlying security or securities at the exercise price at any time during the option period, or at a specific date. Conversely, a put option gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell, and obligates the writer to buy, the underlying security or securities at the exercise price at any time during the option period, or at a specific date.

A covered call option written by a Portfolio is a call option with respect to which the Portfolio owns the underlying security or otherwise covers the transaction by segregating permissible liquid assets. A put option written by a Portfolio is covered when, among other things, the Portfolio segregates permissible liquid assets having a value equal to or greater than the exercise price of the option to fulfill the obligation undertaken. The principal reason for writing covered call and put options is to realize, through the receipt of premiums, a greater return than would be realized on the underlying securities alone. A Portfolio receives a premium from writing covered call or put options which it retains whether or not the option is exercised.

There is no assurance that sufficient trading interest to create a liquid secondary market on a securities exchange will exist for any particular option or at any particular time, and for some options no such secondary market may exist. A liquid secondary market in an option may cease to exist for a variety of reasons. In the past, for example, higher than anticipated trading activity or order flow, or other unforeseen events, at times have rendered certain of the clearing facilities inadequate and resulted in the institution of special procedures, such as trading rotations, restrictions on certain types of orders or trading halts or suspensions in one or more options. There can be no assurance that similar events, or events that may otherwise interfere with the timely execution of customers' orders, will not recur. In such event, it might not be possible to effect closing transactions in particular options. If, as a covered call option writer, a Portfolio is unable to effect a closing purchase transaction in a secondary market, it will not be able to sell the underlying security until the option expires or it delivers the underlying security upon exercise or it otherwise covers its position.

Specific Options Transactions. Each Portfolio may buy and sell call and put options in respect of specific securities (or groups or "baskets" of specific securities) or indices listed on national securities exchanges or traded in the over-the-counter market. An option on an index is similar to an option in respect of specific securities, except that settlement does not occur by delivery of the securities

comprising the index. Instead, the option holder receives an amount of cash if the closing level of the index upon which the option is based is greater than, in the case of a call, or less than, in the case of a put, the exercise price of the option. Thus, the effectiveness of purchasing or writing index options will depend upon price movements in the level of the index rather than the price of a particular security.

As the writer (seller) of a call option, a Portfolio would receive cash (the premium) from the purchaser of the option, and the purchaser has the right to receive from the Portfolio the cash value of the underlying index or any appreciation in the underlying security over the exercise price on the expiration date or otherwise upon exercise. In effect, the Portfolio forgoes, during the life of the option, the opportunity to profit from increases in the market value of the underlying security or securities held by the Portfolio with respect to which the option was written above the sum of the premium and the exercise price. For index options, this will depend, in part, on the extent of correlation of the performance of the Portfolio's portfolio securities with the performance of the relevant index. Covered call option writing will generally limit the Portfolio's ability to benefit from the full appreciation potential of its stock investments underlying the options, and the Portfolio retains the risk of loss (less premiums received) if the value of these stock investments declines. The Portfolio's written call options on individual stocks will be "covered" because the Portfolio will hold the underlying stock in its portfolio throughout the term of the option. The Portfolio also will "cover" its written index call option positions by either segregating liquid assets in an amount equal to the contract value of the index or by entering into offsetting positions.

A Portfolio may write call options that are "at-the-money" (the exercise price of the option is equal to the value of the underlying index or stock when the option is written), "close-to-the-money" (with an exercise price close to the current cash value of the underlying index or the market value of the underlying security when the option is written), "out-of-the-money" (with an exercise price above the current cash value of the underlying index or the market value of the underlying security when the option is written) or "in-the-money" (with an exercise price below the current cash value of the underlying index or market value of the underlying security when the option is written), based on market conditions and other factors.

Each Portfolio, except Small-Mid Cap Portfolio, may buy and sell call and put options on foreign currency. These options convey the right to buy or sell the underlying currency at a price which is expected to be lower or higher than the spot price of the currency at the time the option is exercised or expires.

Each Portfolio may purchase cash-settled options on interest rate swaps, interest rate swaps denominated in foreign currency (except Small-Mid Cap Portfolio) and equity index swaps in pursuit of its investment objective. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by a Portfolio with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest (for example, an exchange of floating-rate payments for fixed-rate payments) denominated in U.S. dollars or foreign currency. Equity index swaps involve the exchange by the Portfolio with another party of cash flows based upon the performance of an index or a portion of an index of securities which usually includes dividends. A cash-settled option on a swap gives the purchaser the right, but not the obligation, in return for the premium paid, to receive an amount of cash equal to the value of the underlying swap as of the exercise date. These options typically are purchased in privately negotiated transactions from financial institutions, including securities brokerage firms.

Successful use by a Portfolio of options will be subject to the Investment Manager's ability to predict correctly movements in the prices of individual stocks, the stock market generally, foreign currencies or interest rates. To the extent the Investment Manager's predictions are incorrect, the Portfolio may incur losses.

Swap Agreements. To the extent consistent with the Portfolio's investment objective and management policies as set forth herein, each Portfolio may enter into equity, interest rate, index, total return and currency rate swap agreements. These transactions are entered into in an attempt to obtain a particular return when it is considered desirable to do so, possibly at a lower cost to the Portfolio than if the Portfolio had invested directly in the asset that yielded the desired return. Swap agreements are two-party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard swap transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments, which may be adjusted for an interest factor. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are generally calculated with respect to a "notional amount," *i.e.*, the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index. Forms of swap agreements include interest rate caps, under which, in return for a premium, one party agrees to make payments to the other to the extent interest rates exceed a specified rate or "cap"; interest rate floors, under which, in return for a premium, one party agrees to make payments to the other to the extent interest rates fall below a specified level or "floor"; and interest rate collars, under which a party sells a cap and purchases a floor or vice versa in an attempt to protect itself against interest rate movements exceeding given minimum or maximum levels.

Most swap agreements entered into by a Portfolio would calculate the obligations of the parties to the agreement on a "net basis." Consequently, the Portfolio's current obligations (or rights) under a swap agreement generally will be equal only to the net amount to be paid or received under the agreement based on the relative values of the positions held by each party to the agreement (the "net amount"). The risk of loss with respect to swaps is limited to the net amount of payments that the Portfolio is contractually obligated to make. If the other party to a swap defaults, the Portfolio's risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that the Portfolio contractually is entitled to receive.

Future Developments. A Portfolio may take advantage of opportunities in options and futures contracts and options on futures contracts and any other derivatives which are not presently contemplated for use by the Portfolio or which are not currently available but which may be developed, to the extent such opportunities are both consistent with the Portfolio's investment objective and legally permissible for the Portfolio. Before entering into such transactions or making any such investment, the Portfolio will provide appropriate disclosure in its Prospectus(es) or this Statement of Additional Information.

Foreign Currency Transactions. (All Portfolios, except Small-Mid Cap Portfolio) Foreign currency transactions may be entered into for a variety of purposes, including: to fix in U.S. dollars, between trade and settlement date, the value of a security the Portfolio has agreed to buy or sell; to hedge the U.S. dollar value of securities the Portfolio already owns, particularly if it expects a decrease in the value of the currency in which the foreign security is denominated; or to gain exposure to the foreign currency in an attempt to realize gains.

Foreign currency transactions may involve, for example, the Portfolio's purchase of foreign currencies for U.S. dollars or the maintenance of short positions in foreign currencies. A short position would involve the Portfolio agreeing to exchange an amount of a currency it did not currently own for another currency at a future date in anticipation of a decline in the value of the currency sold relative to the currency the Portfolio contracted to receive. The Portfolio's success in these transactions will depend principally on the Investment Manager's ability to predict accurately the future exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar.

Forward Commitments. A Portfolio may purchase or sell securities on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed delivery basis, which means that delivery and payment take place a number of days after the date of the commitment to purchase or sell. The payment obligation and the interest rate receivable on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery security are fixed when the

Portfolio enters into the commitment, but the Portfolio does not make a payment until it receives delivery from the counterparty. The Portfolio will segregate permissible liquid assets at least equal to the full notional value of its forward commitment contracts or, with respect to forward commitments that include a contractual cash settlement requirement, will segregate such assets at least equal at all times to the amount of the Portfolio's purchase commitment.

The Portfolio intends to engage in forward commitments to increase the Portfolio's financial exposure to the types of securities in which it invests, which will increase the Portfolio's exposure to changes in interest rates and will increase the volatility of its returns. If the Portfolio is fully or almost fully invested when forward commitment purchases are outstanding, such purchases may result in a form of leverage. At no time will the Portfolio have more than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of its total assets committed to purchase securities on a forward commitment basis.

Securities purchased on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis are subject to changes in value (generally changing in the same way, *i.e.*, appreciating when interest rates decline and depreciating when interest rates rise) based upon the public's perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and changes, real or anticipated, in the level of interest rates. Securities purchased on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may expose a Portfolio to risks because they may experience such fluctuations prior to their actual delivery. Purchasing securities on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis can involve the additional risk that the yield available in the market when the delivery takes place actually may be higher than that obtained in the transaction itself. Purchasing securities on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis when the Portfolio is fully or almost fully invested may result in greater potential fluctuation in the value of the Portfolio's net assets and its net asset value per share.

Certain Investment Considerations and Risks

Equity Securities. Equity securities, including common stock, preferred stock, convertible securities and warrants, fluctuate in value, often based on factors unrelated to the value of the issuer of the securities, and such fluctuations can be pronounced. Changes in the value of a Portfolio's investments will result in changes in the value of its shares and thus the Portfolio's total return to investors.

Initial Public Offerings. The Portfolios may purchase securities of companies in initial public offerings ("IPOs") or shortly thereafter. An IPO is a corporation's first offering of stock to the public. Shares are given a market value reflecting expectations for the corporation's future growth. Special rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") apply to the distribution of IPOs. Corporations offering stock in IPOs generally have limited operating histories and may involve greater investment risk. The prices of these companies' securities may be very volatile, rising and falling rapidly, sometimes based solely on investor perceptions rather than economic reasons. IPO securities will be sold when the Investment Manager believes the price has reached full value. IPO securities may be sold by a Portfolio on the same day the Portfolio receives an allocation.

Smaller Company Securities. Each Portfolio other than International Equity and International Equity Select Portfolios may purchase securities of smaller capitalization companies, the prices of which may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than securities of larger, more established companies, because securities of smaller companies typically are traded in lower volume and the issuers typically are subject to greater changes in earnings and prospects. Smaller capitalization companies often have limited product lines, markets or financial resources. They may be dependent on management for one or a few key persons, and can be more susceptible to losses and the risk of bankruptcy. In addition, securities of the small capitalization sector may be thinly traded (and therefore may have to be sold at a discount from current market prices or sold in small lots over an extended period of time), may be

followed by fewer investment research analysts and may pose a greater chance of loss than investments in securities of larger capitalization companies.

Fixed-Income Securities. Even though interest-bearing securities are investments which promise a stable stream of income, the prices of such securities generally are inversely affected by changes in interest rates and, therefore, are subject to the risk of market price fluctuations. Certain portfolio securities, such as those with interest rates that fluctuate directly or indirectly based on multiples of a stated index, are designed to be highly sensitive to changes in interest rates and can subject the holders thereof to extreme reductions of yield and possibly loss of principal.

The values of fixed-income securities also may be affected by changes in the credit rating or financial condition of the issuer. Certain securities, such as those rated below investment grade by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group and Moody's Investors Service, Inc., may be subject to such risk with respect to the issuing entity and to greater market fluctuations than certain lower yielding, higher rated fixed-income securities. Once the rating of a portfolio security has been changed, the Portfolio will consider all circumstances deemed relevant in determining whether to continue to hold the security.

Foreign Securities. Foreign securities markets generally are not as developed or efficient as those in the United States. Securities of some foreign issuers, including depositary receipts, foreign government obligations and securities of supranational entities, are less liquid and more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. issuers. Similarly, volume and liquidity in most foreign securities markets are less than in the United States and, at times, volatility of price can be greater than in the United States.

Because evidences of ownership of such securities usually are held outside the United States, a Portfolio will be subject to additional risks which include possible adverse political and economic developments, seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits and adoption of governmental restrictions, which might adversely affect or restrict the payment of principal and interest on the foreign securities to investors located outside the country of the issuer, whether from currency blockage or otherwise. Moreover, foreign securities held by a Portfolio may trade on days when the Portfolio does not calculate its net asset value and thus affect the Portfolio's net asset value on days when investors have no access to the Portfolio.

Developing countries have economic structures that generally are less diverse and mature, and political systems that are less stable, than those of developed countries. The markets of developing countries may be more volatile than the markets of more mature economies; however, such markets may provide higher rates of return to investors. Many developing countries providing investment opportunities for these Portfolios have experienced substantial, and in some periods extremely high, rates of inflation for many years. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had and may continue to have adverse effects on the economies and securities markets of certain of these countries.

The Portfolios consider emerging market countries to include all countries represented by the Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI[®]") Emerging Markets Index and other countries not considered developed countries by MSCI, and investments in emerging markets may include those companies included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index and companies with their principal business activities located in, or that have 50% or more of their assets in or revenue or net income from, emerging market countries. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index currently includes the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey. For purposes of each of Emerging Markets Portfolio's and Developing Markets Portfolio's policy to invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in equity securities of companies whose principal business activities are located in emerging market countries, only countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index are considered to be "emerging markets"

(although the Portfolio may invest in other countries with its remaining assets). Because foreign securities often are purchased with and payable in currencies of foreign countries, the value of these assets as measured in U.S. dollars may be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in currency rates and exchange control regulations.

Foreign Currency Transactions. (All Portfolios, except Small-Mid Cap Portfolio) Currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. They generally are determined by the forces of supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets and the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or perceived changes in interest rates and other complex factors, as seen from an international perspective. Currency exchange rates also can be affected unpredictably by intervention of U.S. or foreign governments or central banks, or the failure to intervene, or by currency controls or political developments in the United States or abroad.

Simultaneous Investments; Overlapping Positions. Investment decisions for each Portfolio are made independently from those of the other Portfolios and other accounts managed by the Investment Manager. If, however, such other Portfolios or accounts desire to invest in, or dispose of, the same securities as a Portfolio, available investments or opportunities for sales will be allocated equitably to each. In some cases, this procedure may adversely affect the size of the position obtained for or disposed of by a Portfolio or the price paid or received by a Portfolio. In some cases, the Investment Manager may seek to limit the number of overlapping investments by similar Portfolios (securities of an issuer held in more than one Portfolio) so that shareholders invested in such Portfolios may achieve a more diverse investment experience. In such cases, a Portfolio may be disadvantaged by the Investment Manager's decision to purchase or maintain an investment in one Portfolio to the exclusion of one or more other Portfolios (including a decision to sell the investment in one Portfolio so that it may be purchased by another Portfolio).

Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings

It is the policy of the Fund to protect the confidentiality of the Portfolios' holdings and prevent the selective disclosure of non-public information about such holdings. The Fund will publicly disclose the Portfolios' holdings on a calendar quarter-end basis on its website accessible from <http://www.lazardnet.com/lam/us/lazardfunds.shtml>, approximately 14 days after such quarter end. The information will remain accessible until the Fund files a report on Form N-Q or Form N-CSR for the period that includes the date as of which the information was current.

In order to avoid conflicts of interest between the Fund, on the one hand, and the Investment Manager or any affiliated person of the Fund or the Investment Manager, on the other (1) disclosure of portfolio holdings information is made only when such disclosure is in the best interest of Portfolio shareholders and the Fund has a legitimate business purpose for doing so and (2) none of the Fund or the Investment Manager or their affiliates may receive any compensation in connection with an arrangement to make portfolio holdings information available.

In accordance with the foregoing, the Fund provides portfolio holdings information to ratings services or third party service providers who provide necessary or beneficial services when such service providers need access to this information in the performance of their services and are subject to duties of confidentiality (1) imposed by law, including a duty not to trade on non-public information, and/or (2) pursuant to an agreement that confidential information is not to be disclosed or used (including trading on such information) other than as required by law. From time to time, the Fund will communicate with these service providers to confirm that they understand the Fund's policies and procedures regarding such disclosure. Such service providers currently include the Fund's investment manager, administrator, custodian, auditors and legal counsel and each of their respective affiliates and advisors, as well as Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc., Lipper Inc., Morningstar, Inc., Bloomberg, BNY Mellon

Analytical Services, LLC, Canterbury Consulting Incorporated and Thomson Vestek, Inc. Service providers receive holdings information at a frequency appropriate to their services, which may be as frequently as daily.

Disclosure of portfolio holdings information may be authorized only by the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer or the General Counsel of the Investment Manager, each of whom evaluates such disclosure in light of the best interests of Portfolio shareholders and any potential conflicts of interest. The service providers that receive portfolio holdings information from the Fund as described above, and any additions to this list of service providers, are reported to the Fund's Board of Directors for its review. Any exceptions to the Fund's portfolio holdings disclosure policy are reported to the Board of Directors.

INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

Each Portfolio's investment objective is a fundamental policy, which cannot be changed without approval by the holders of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Portfolio's outstanding voting shares. In addition, each Portfolio has adopted investment restrictions numbered 1 through 8 as fundamental policies. However, the amendment of these restrictions to add an additional Portfolio, which amendment does not substantively affect the restrictions with respect to an existing Portfolio, will not require approval as described in the first sentence. Investment restrictions numbered 9 through 12 are not fundamental policies and may be changed, as to a Portfolio, by vote of a majority of the Fund's Board of Directors at any time.

Under normal circumstances, each of the following Portfolios will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, as follows (or other investments with similar economic characteristics): (i) International Equity, International Equity Select and International Strategic Portfolios—equity securities; (ii) Equity Value and Strategic Equity Portfolios—equity securities of U.S. companies; (iii) International Small Cap Portfolio—equity securities of small cap companies; (iv) Small-Mid Cap Portfolio—equity securities of small-mid cap U.S. companies (until June 1, 2009, equity securities of small cap companies); and (v) Emerging Markets and Developing Markets Portfolios—equity securities of companies whose principal business activities are located in emerging market countries as defined in the Prospectuses. Each of these Portfolios has adopted a policy to provide its shareholders with at least 60 days' prior notice of any change with respect to its 80% policy.

None of the Portfolios may:

1. Invest more than 25% of the value of its total assets in the securities of issuers in any single industry, provided that there shall be no limitation on the purchase of obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.
2. Invest in commodities, except that a Portfolio may purchase and sell options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices.
3. Purchase, hold or deal in real estate, or oil, gas or other mineral leases or exploration or development programs, but a Portfolio may purchase and sell securities that are secured by real estate or issued by companies that invest or deal in real estate or real estate investment trusts.
4. Borrow money, except to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act (which currently limits borrowing to more than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the value of the Portfolio's total assets). For purposes of this Investment Restriction, the entry into options, forward contracts, futures

contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices shall not constitute borrowing.

5. Make loans to others, except through the purchase of debt obligations and the entry into repurchase agreements. However, a Portfolio may lend its portfolio securities in an amount not to exceed 33⅓% of the value of its total assets. Any loans of portfolio securities will be made according to guidelines established by the SEC and the Fund's Board of Directors.
6. Act as an underwriter of securities of other issuers, except to the extent a Portfolio may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act by virtue of disposing of portfolio securities.
7. Issue any senior security (as such term is defined in Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act), except to the extent the activities permitted in Investment Restrictions Nos. 2, 4, 10 and 11 may be deemed to give rise to a senior security.
8. Purchase securities on margin, but a Portfolio may make margin deposits in connection with transactions on options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices.

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9. Invest in the securities of a company for the purpose of exercising management or control, but the Portfolio will vote the securities it owns as a shareholder in accordance with its views.
10. Pledge, mortgage or hypothecate its assets, except to the extent necessary to secure permitted borrowings and to the extent related to the purchase of securities on a when-issued or forward commitment basis and the deposit of assets in escrow in connection with writing covered put and call options and collateral and initial or variation margin arrangements with respect to options, forward contracts, futures contracts, including those relating to indices, and options on futures contracts or indices.
11. Purchase, sell or write puts, calls or combinations thereof, except as described in the Prospectuses and Statement of Additional Information.
12. Enter into repurchase agreements providing for settlement in more than seven days after notice or purchase securities which are illiquid, if, in the aggregate, more than 15% of the value of its net assets would be so invested.

In addition, as a non-fundamental policy, each Portfolio intends (i) to comply with the diversification requirements prescribed in regulations under Section 817 (h) of the Code and (ii) to comply in all material respects with insurance laws and regulations that the Fund has been advised are applicable to investments of separate accounts of Participating Insurance Companies.

If a percentage restriction is adhered to at the time of investment, a later change in percentage resulting from a change in values or assets will not constitute a violation of such restriction. With respect to Investment Restriction No. 4, however, if borrowings exceed 33⅓% of the value of a Portfolio's total assets as a result of a change in values or assets, the Portfolio must take steps to reduce such borrowings at least to the extent of such excess within three business days.

MANAGEMENT

The Fund's Board of Directors is responsible for the management and supervision of each Portfolio and approves all significant agreements with those companies that furnish services to the Portfolios. These companies are as follows:

Lazard Asset Management LLC	Investment Manager
Lazard Asset Management Securities LLC	Distributor
Boston Financial Data Services, Inc.	Transfer Agent and Dividend Disbursing Agent
State Street Bank and Trust Company	Custodian

The Directors and officers of the Fund, together with information as to their principal occupations during at least the last five years, are shown below.

Name (Age) Address ⁽¹⁾	Position(s) with the Fund (Since) and Term ⁽²⁾	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years and Other Directorships Held ⁽²⁾
Non-Interested Directors:		
Kenneth S. Davidson (64)	Director (April 1997)	President, Davidson Capital Management Corporation; President, Aquiline Advisors LLC; Trustee, The Juilliard School; Chairman of the Board, Bridgehampton Chamber Music Festival; Trustee, American Friends of the National Gallery, London
Nancy A. Eckl (46)	Director (May 2007)	Former Vice President, Trust Investments, American Beacon Advisors, Inc. ("American Beacon") and Vice President of certain funds advised by American Beacon; Trustee, College Retirement Equities Fund (eight accounts); Trustee, TIAA-CREF Funds (41 funds) and TIAA-CREF Life Funds (10 funds) and Member of the Management Committee of TIAA Separate Account VA-1
Lester Z. Lieberman (78)	Director (April 1997)	Private Investor; Chairman, Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey; Director, Cives Steel Co.; Director, Northside Power Transmission Co.; Advisory Trustee, New Jersey Medical School; Director, Public Health Research Institute; Trustee Emeritus, Clarkson University; Council of Trustees, New Jersey Performing Arts Center
Leon M. Pollack (68)	Director (August 2006)	Former Managing Director, Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette; Trustee, Adelphi University
Richard Reiss, Jr. (65)	Director (April 1997)	Chairman, Georgica Advisors LLC, an investment manager; Director, O'Charley's, Inc., a restaurant chain

Name (Age) Address⁽¹⁾	Position(s) with the Fund (Since) and Term⁽²⁾	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years and Other Directorships Held⁽²⁾
Robert M. Solmson (61)	Director (September 2004)	Director, Colonial Williamsburg Co.; Former Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, RFS Hotel Investors, Inc.; Former Director, Morgan Keegan & Co., Inc.; Former Director, Independent Bank, Memphis
Interested Directors⁽³⁾		
Charles Carroll (48)	Chief Executive Officer, President and Director (June 2004)	Deputy Chairman and Head of Global Marketing of the Investment Manager
Ashish Bhutani (48)	Director (July 2005)	Chief Executive Officer of the Investment Manager

Name (Age) Address⁽¹⁾	Position(s) with the Fund (Since) and Term⁽⁴⁾	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Officers⁽⁵⁾:		
Nathan A. Paul (36)	Vice President and Secretary (April 2002)	Managing Director and General Counsel of the Investment Manager
Stephen St. Clair (50)	Treasurer (May 2003)	Vice President of the Investment Manager
Brian D. Simon (46)	Chief Compliance Officer (January 2009) and Assistant Secretary (November 2002)	Director and Chief Compliance Officer of the Investment Manager
Cesar A. Trelles (34)	Assistant Treasurer (December 2004)	Fund Administration Manager of the Investment Manager; Manager for Mutual Fund Finance Group at UBS Global Asset Management, from August 1998 to August 2004
Tamar Goldstein (34)	Assistant Secretary (February 2009)	Vice President of the Investment Manager; Associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, a law firm, from May 2004 to October 2006

(1) The address of each Director and officer is Lazard Asset Management LLC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-6300.

(2) Each Director also serves as a Director of The Lazard Funds, Inc. ("LFI"), an open-end registered management investment company, and Lazard Global Total Return and Income Fund, Inc. and Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund, Inc., closed-end registered management investment companies (collectively with the Fund, the "Lazard Funds," in total comprised of 18 investment portfolios). Each Director serves an indefinite term, until his or her successor is elected, and each Director serves in the same capacity for LFI. All of the Independent Directors, except Mr. Lieberman, are also board members of Lazard Alternative Strategies Fund, L.L.C., a privately-offered fund registered under the 1940 Act and advised by an affiliate of the Investment Manager.

- (3) Messrs. Bhutani and Carroll are "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund because of their positions with the Investment Manager.
- (4) Each officer serves for an indefinite term, until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Each officer serves in the same capacity for the other Lazard Funds.
- (5) In addition to Charles Carroll, President, listed above.

The Fund has standing audit and nominating committees, each comprised of its Directors who are not "interested persons" of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act ("Independent Directors").

The function of the audit committee is to (1) oversee the Fund's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Fund's financial statements, (2) assist in Board oversight of the quality and integrity of the Fund's financial statements and the Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements relating to accounting, financial reporting, internal control over financial reporting and independent audits, (3) approve engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm and review and evaluate the qualifications, independence and performance of the independent registered public accounting firm and (4) act as a liaison between the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and the Board.

Nominations may be submitted only by a shareholder or group of shareholders that, individually or as a group, has beneficially owned the lesser of (a) 1% of the Fund's outstanding shares or (b) \$500,000 of the Fund's shares for at least one year prior to the date such shareholder or group submits a candidate for nomination. Not more than one nominee for Director may be submitted by such a shareholder or group each calendar year. In evaluating potential nominees, including any nominees recommended by shareholders, the nominating committee takes into consideration the factors listed in the nominating committee charter, including character and integrity, business and professional experience, and whether the committee believes that the person has the ability to apply sound and independent business judgment and would act in the interest of the Fund and its shareholders. A nomination submission must include all information relating to the recommended nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations or proxy statements for the election of Directors, as well as information sufficient to evaluate the factors listed above. Nomination submissions must be accompanied by a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated by the Board and to serve if elected by the shareholders, and such additional information must be provided regarding the recommended nominee as reasonably requested by the nominating committee.

The audit committee met four times and the nominating committee did not meet during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

The table below indicates the dollar range of each Director's ownership of Portfolio shares and aggregate holdings of all of the Lazard Funds, in each case as of December 31, 2008.

Portfolio*	Ashish Bhutani	Charles Carroll	Kenneth S. Davidson	Nancy A. Eckl	Lester Z. Lieberman	Leon M. Pollack	Richard Reiss, Jr.	Robert M. Solmson
Equity Value Portfolio	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Strategic Equity Portfolio	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
International Equity Portfolio	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
International Equity	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None

Portfolio*	Ashish Bhutani	Charles Carroll	Kenneth S. Davidson	Nancy A. Eckl	Lester Z. Lieberman	Leon M. Pollack	Richard Reiss, Jr.	Robert M. Solmson
Select Portfolio								
International Strategic Portfolio	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
International Small Cap Portfolio	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Emerging Markets Portfolio	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Developing Markets Portfolio	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Aggregate Holdings of all Lazard Funds	None	Over \$100,000	None	\$10,001-\$50,000	None	None	None	None

* Directors do not own any Portfolio shares because such shares can only be purchased by separate accounts of Participating Insurance Companies.

As of December 31, 2008, none of the Directors or his or her immediate family members owned securities of the Investment Manager or the Distributor or any person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Investment Manager or the Distributor.

Each Director who is not an employee or an affiliated person of the Investment Manager is paid an annual aggregate fee of \$60,000, plus \$4,000 per meeting attended in person (\$1,500 per meeting attended by telephone) for the Fund and the other Lazard Funds, and is reimbursed for travel and other out-of-pocket expenses for attending Board and committee meetings. The Independent Directors also are paid \$1,000 for each committee, subcommittee or other special meetings not held in conjunction with a Board meeting, as specifically authorized by the Board and held in connection with delegated Fund business. No additional compensation is provided in respect of committee meetings held in conjunction with a meeting of the Board of Directors. Compensation is divided among the Lazard Funds based on relative net assets. The Directors do not receive benefits from the Fund pursuant to any pension, retirement or similar arrangement. In addition, the Chairman of the Audit Committees for the Lazard Funds, Lester Z. Lieberman, also receives an annual fee of \$5,000. The aggregate amount of compensation paid to each Director for the year ended December 31, 2008, was as follows:

Director	Aggregate Compensation from the Fund	Total Compensation from the Fund and the Lazard Funds
Ashish Bhutani	None	None
Charles Carroll	None	None
Kenneth S. Davidson	\$6,942	\$84,000
Nancy A. Eckl	\$7,028	\$85,000
Lester Z. Lieberman	\$7,156	\$86,500
Leon M. Pollack	\$6,859	\$83,000
Richard Reiss, Jr.	\$6,859	\$83,000
Robert M. Solmson	\$6,859	\$83,000

The Fund does not compensate officers or Directors who are employees or affiliated persons of the Investment Manager. As of the date of this Statement of Additional Information, the Fund's officers and Directors, as a group, owned less than 1% of the shares of each Portfolio.

Portfolio Managers

Team Management. Portfolio managers at the Investment Manager manage multiple accounts for a diverse client base, including private clients, institutions and investment funds. The Investment Manager manages all portfolios on a team basis. The team is involved at all levels of the investment process. This team approach allows for every portfolio manager to benefit from his/her peers, and for clients to receive the firm's best thinking, not that of a single portfolio manager. The Investment Manager manages all like investment mandates against a model portfolio. Specific client objectives, guidelines or limitations then are applied against the model, and any necessary adjustments are made.

Material Conflicts Related to Management of Similar Accounts. Although the potential for conflicts of interest exist when an investment adviser and portfolio managers manage other accounts that invest in securities in which a Portfolio may invest or that may pursue a strategy similar to one of the Portfolio's component strategies (collectively, "Similar Accounts"), the Investment Manager has procedures in place that are designed to ensure that all accounts are treated fairly and that the Portfolio is not disadvantaged, including procedures regarding trade allocations and "conflicting trades" (e.g., long and short positions in the same security, as described below). In addition, each Portfolio, as a series of a registered investment company, is subject to different regulations than certain of the Similar Accounts, and, consequently, may not be permitted to engage in all the investment techniques or transactions, or to engage in such techniques or transactions to the same degree, as the Similar Accounts.

Potential conflicts of interest may arise because of the Investment Manager's management of a Portfolio and Similar Accounts, including the following:

1. Conflicts of interest may arise with both the aggregation and allocation of securities transactions and allocation of limited investment opportunities, as the Investment Manager may be perceived as causing accounts it manages to participate in an offering to increase the Investment Manager's overall allocation of securities in that offering, or to increase the Investment Manager's ability to participate in future offerings by the same underwriter or issuer. Allocations of bunched trades, particularly trade orders that were only partially filled due to limited availability, and allocation of investment opportunities generally, could raise a potential conflict of interest, as the Investment Manager may have an incentive to allocate securities that are expected to increase in value to preferred accounts. Initial public offerings, in particular, are frequently of very limited availability. A potential conflict of interest may be perceived to arise if transactions in one account closely follow related transactions in a different account, such as when a purchase increases the value of securities previously purchased by the other account, or when a sale in one account lowers the sale price received in a sale by a second account. These potential allocation and trading conflicts are relevant primarily for all portfolio managers of the Portfolios focusing on small capitalization companies, whose shares tend to have more limited and volatile trading than those of companies with larger market capitalizations (Small-Mid Cap and International Small Cap Portfolios).

2. Portfolio managers may be perceived to have a conflict of interest because of the large number of Similar Accounts, in addition to the Portfolios, that they are managing on behalf of the Investment Manager. Although the Investment Manager does not track each individual portfolio manager's time dedicated to each account, the Investment Manager periodically reviews each portfolio manager's overall responsibilities to ensure that he or she is able to allocate the necessary time and resources to effectively manage a Portfolio. As illustrated in the table below, all of the portfolio managers of the Portfolios

except Messrs. Gillespie and O'Hare manage a significant number of Similar Accounts (10 or more) in addition to the Portfolio(s) managed by them.

3. Generally, the Investment Manager and/or some or all of a Portfolio's portfolio managers have investments in Similar Accounts. This could be viewed as creating a potential conflict of interest, since the Investment Manager and the portfolio managers do not typically invest in the Portfolios, which are designed for investment by separate accounts of Participating Insurance Companies.

4. The portfolio managers noted in footnote (#) to the table below manage Similar Accounts with respect to which the advisory fee is based on the performance of the account, which could give the portfolio managers and the Investment Manager an incentive to favor such Similar Accounts over the corresponding Portfolios. In addition, certain hedge funds managed by the Investment Manager (but not the Portfolios' portfolio managers) may also be permitted to sell securities short. When the Investment Manager engages in short sales of securities of the type in which a Portfolio invests, the Investment Manager could be seen as harming the performance of the Portfolio for the benefit of the account engaging in short sales if the short sales cause the market value of the securities to fall. As described above, the Investment Manager has procedures in place to address these conflicts.

Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Managers. The chart below includes information regarding the members of the portfolio management teams responsible for managing the Portfolios. Specifically, it shows the number of other portfolios and assets managed by management teams of which each Portfolio's portfolio manager is a member. Regardless of the number of accounts, the portfolio management team still manages each account based on a model portfolio as described above.

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies (\$*)	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles (\$*)	Other Accounts (\$*)†
Michael A. Bennett	6 (791.1 billion)	none	375 (9.0 billion)
Christopher H. Blake#	7 (8.8 billion)	13 (69.7 million)	82 (1.0 billion)
Gabrielle M. Boyle	2 (14.9 million)	none	380 (7.2 billion)
Daniel Breslin	2 (120.4 million)	2 (104.8 million)	18 (96.7 million)
Rohit Chopra#	6 (4.7 billion)	12 (1.9 billion)	136 (4.2 billion)
David R. Cleary and Christopher Komosa	2 (121.5 million)	none	337 (416.2 million)
Adam Cohen	2 (141.9 million)	none	380 (17.2 billion)
Michael DeBernardis	1 (72.8 million)	5 (369 million)	8 (90.5 million)
James M. Donald#	8 (4.9 billion)	12 (1.8 billion)	190 (4.8 billion)
Robert A. Failla#	7 (8.8 billion)	35 (1.7 billion)	97 (2.8 billion)
Michael G. Fry	4 (534.9 million)	3 (83 million)	40 (4.2 billion)
Peter Gillespie	1 (6.5 million)	none	1 (550,000)
Robin O. Jones**	1 (216.8 million)	none	35 (1 billion)
Andrew D. Lacey	11 (9.0 billion)	7 (125.9 million)	306 (3.6 billion)
Mark Little	1 (254 million)	none	34 (1.1 billion)
Erik McKee#	6 (4.7 billion)	12 (1.8 billion)	136 (4.2 billion)
Kevin O'Hare	1 (254.2 million)	none	1 (550,000)
Brian Pessin	3 (365.2 million)	6 (461.8 million)	51 (1.6 billion)
Michael Powers	6 (676 million)	none	405 (9.7 billion)
John R. Reinsberg	5 (789.1 million)	5 (123.6 million)	60 (3.6 billion)

Portfolio Manager	Registered Investment Companies (\$*)	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles (\$*)	Other Accounts (\$*)†
Edward Rosenfeld#	3 (111 million)	6 (461.8 million)	17 (508.9 million)
Nicholas Sordoni	1 (6.7 million)	1 (3.6 million)	15 (527 million)
Ronald Temple***	3 (4.6 billion)	4 (68 million)	215 (1.4 billion)
J. Richard Tutino	1 (6.7 million)	1 (3.6 million)	185 (905.5 million)

* Total assets in accounts as of December 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

** As of March 31, 2009.

*** As of January 31, 2009.

None of the portfolio managers, except as follows, manage any accounts with respect to which the advisory fee is based on the performance of the account:

- (1) Messrs. Blake, Failla and Lacey manage one registered investment company with assets under management of approximately \$4.9 billion.
- (2) Messrs. Chopra, Donald and McKee manage three other accounts with assets under management of approximately \$796.5 million.
- (3) Mr. Pessin manages one pooled investment vehicle and one other account with assets under management of approximately \$2.5 million and \$140.6 million, respectively.
- (4) Mr. Reinsberg manages five other pooled investment vehicles with assets under management of approximately \$123.6 million, respectively.
- (5) Mr. Rosenfeld manages one pooled investment vehicle and one other account with assets under management of approximately \$2.5 million and \$140 million, respectively.
- (6) Mr. Temple manages one registered investment company with assets under management of approximately \$4.6 billion.

† Includes an aggregation of any Similar Accounts within managed account programs where the third party program sponsor is responsible for applying specific client objectives, guidelines and limitations against the model portfolio managed by the portfolio management team.

Compensation for Portfolio Managers. The Investment Manager's portfolio managers are generally responsible for managing multiple types of accounts that may, or may not, invest in securities in which the Fund may invest or pursue a strategy similar to a Portfolio's strategies. Portfolio managers responsible for managing the Portfolios may also manage sub-advised registered investment companies, collective investment trusts, unregistered funds and/or other pooled investment vehicles, separate accounts, separately managed account programs (often referred to as "wrap accounts") and model portfolios.

The Investment Manager compensates portfolio managers by a competitive salary and bonus structure, which is determined both quantitatively and qualitatively. Salary and bonus are paid in cash and stock. Portfolio managers are compensated on the performance of the aggregate group of portfolios managed by the teams of which they are a member rather than for a specific fund or account. Various factors are considered in the determination of a portfolio manager's compensation. All of the portfolios managed by a portfolio manager are comprehensively evaluated to determine his or her positive and consistent performance contribution over time. Further factors include the amount of assets in the portfolios as well as qualitative aspects that reinforce the Investment Manager's investment philosophy.

Total compensation is generally not fixed, but rather is based on the following factors: (i) leadership, teamwork and commitment, (ii) maintenance of current knowledge and opinions on companies owned in the portfolio; (iii) generation and development of new investment ideas, including the quality of security analysis and identification of appreciation catalysts; (iv) ability and willingness to develop and share ideas on a team basis; and (v) the performance results of the portfolios managed by the investment teams of which the portfolio manager is a member.

Variable bonus is based on the portfolio manager's quantitative performance as measured by his or her ability to make investment decisions that contribute to the pre-tax absolute and relative returns of the accounts managed by the teams of which the portfolio manager is a member, by comparison of each account to a predetermined benchmark (as set forth in the prospectus or other governing document) over

the current fiscal year and the longer-term performance (3-, 5- or 10-year, if applicable) of such account, as well as performance of the account relative to peers. The variable bonus for each Portfolio's portfolio management team in respect of its management of the Portfolio is determined by reference to the corresponding indices listed below. The portfolio manager's bonus also can be influenced by subjective measurement of the manager's ability to help others make investment decisions.

In addition, effective May 4, 2005, the Lazard Ltd 2005 Equity Incentive Plan was adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of Lazard Ltd. The purpose of this plan is to give the company a competitive advantage in attracting, retaining and motivating officers, employees, directors, advisors and/or consultants and to provide the company and its subsidiaries and affiliates with a stock plan providing incentives directly linked to shareholder value.

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Index</u>
Equity Value Portfolio	Russell 1000 [®] Value Index
Strategic Equity Portfolio	S&P 500 [®] Index
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	Russell 2500 [®] Index
International Equity Portfolio	MSCI Europe, Australasia and Far East (EAFE [®]) Index
International Equity Select Portfolio	MSCI EAFE Index
International Strategic Portfolio	MSCI EAFE Index
International Small Cap Portfolio	MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index
Emerging Markets Portfolio	MSCI Emerging Markets Index
Developing Markets Portfolio	MSCI Emerging Markets Index
Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio	MSCI World Index

Ownership of Securities. As of December 31, 2008, none of the portfolio managers owned any shares of any of the Portfolios.

Investment Manager and Investment Management Agreement

The Investment Manager, located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112-6300, has entered into an investment management agreement (the "Management Agreement") with the Fund on behalf of the Portfolios. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager regularly provides each Portfolio with investment research, advice and supervision and furnishes continuously an investment program for each Portfolio consistent with its investment objective and policies, including the purchase, retention and disposition of securities.

The Investment Manager, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lazard, is registered as an investment adviser with the SEC. The Investment Manager provides day-to-day management of the Portfolios' investments and assists in the overall management of the Fund's affairs. Its clients are both individuals and institutions, some of whose accounts have investment policies similar to those of several of the Portfolios.

The Fund, the Investment Manager and the Distributor each have adopted a Code of Ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act that permits its personnel, subject to such Code of Ethics, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by a Portfolio. The Codes of Ethics restrict the personal securities transactions of employees and require portfolio managers and other investment personnel to comply with the preclearance and disclosure procedures. The primary purpose of the Codes of Ethics is to ensure that personal trading by employees does not disadvantage any Portfolio.

Under the terms of the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager will pay the compensation of all personnel of the Fund, except the fees of Directors of the Fund who are not employees or affiliated persons of the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager will make available to the Portfolios such of the Investment Manager's members, officers and employees as are reasonably

necessary for the operations of each Portfolio, or as may be duly elected officers or directors of the Fund. Under the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager also pays each Portfolio's office rent and provides investment advisory research and statistical facilities and all clerical services relating to research, statistical and investment work. The Investment Manager, including its employees who serve the Portfolios, may render investment advice, management and other services to other clients.

As compensation for its services, the Fund has agreed to pay the Investment Manager an investment management fee, accrued daily and payable monthly, at the annual rates set forth below as a percentage of the average daily net asset value of the relevant Portfolio:

Portfolio	Management Fee Rate
Equity Value Portfolio	0.75%
Strategic Equity Portfolio	0.75
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	0.75
International Equity Portfolio	0.75
International Equity Select Portfolio	0.85
International Strategic Portfolio	0.75
International Small Cap Portfolio	0.75
Emerging Markets Portfolio	1.00
Developing Markets Portfolio	1.00
Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio	1.00

Through April 30, 2010, the Investment Manager has agreed to waive its management fees or otherwise bear the expenses of the following Portfolios to the extent the aggregate direct expenses of a Portfolio exceed the percentage of the value of the Portfolio's average daily net assets set forth opposite the Portfolio's name:

Portfolio	Maximum Total Portfolio Operating Expenses	
	Service Shares	Investor Shares
Strategic Equity Portfolio	1.25%	1.00%
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	1.25	1.00
International Equity Portfolio	1.25	1.00
International Strategic Portfolio	1.25	1.00
Emerging Markets Portfolio	1.60	1.35
Opportunistic Strategies Portfolio*	1.27	1.02

* Excludes Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, the management fees payable by each Portfolio, the amounts waived (and reimbursed), by the Investment Manager and the net fees paid to the Investment Manager were as follows:

Portfolio	Fee Payable For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006	Fee Payable For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007	Fee Payable For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Strategic Equity Portfolio	\$ 34,405	\$ 42,566	\$ 29,203
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	1,002,287	559,389	374,351
International Equity Portfolio	2,155,567	2,510,496	2,549,774
Emerging Markets Portfolio	1,136,450	2,736,704	3,553,875

Portfolio	Reduction in Fee For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006	Reduction in Fee for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007	Reduction in Fee for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Strategic Equity Portfolio	\$ 127,575	\$ 148,931	\$ 122,069
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	—	60,560	81,871
International Equity Portfolio	—	—	—
Emerging Markets Portfolio	109,711	—	—

Portfolio	Net Fee Paid For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006	Net Fee Paid For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007	Net Fee Paid For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Strategic Equity Portfolio	\$ (93,170)	\$ (106,365)	\$ (92,866)
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	1,002,287	498,829	292,480
International Equity Portfolio	2,155,567	2,510,496	2,549,774
Emerging Markets Portfolio	1,026,739	2,736,704	3,553,875

The Management Agreement provides that each Portfolio pays all of its expenses that are not specifically assumed by the Investment Manager. Expenses attributable to each Portfolio will be charged against the assets of that Portfolio. Other expenses of the Fund will be allocated among the Portfolios in a manner which may, but need not, be proportionate in relation to the net assets of each Portfolio. Expenses payable by each of the Portfolios include, but are not limited to, brokerage and other expenses of executing portfolio transactions; legal, auditing or accounting expenses; trade association dues; taxes or governmental fees; the fees and expenses of any person providing administrative services to the Fund; the fees and expenses of the custodian and transfer agent of the Fund; clerical expenses of issue, redemption or repurchase of shares of the Portfolio; the expenses and fees for registering and qualifying securities for sale; the fees of Directors of the Fund who are not employees or affiliated persons of the Investment Manager or its affiliates; travel expenses of all Directors, officers and employees; insurance premiums; and the cost of preparing and distributing reports and notices to shareholders. In addition, Service Shares of each Portfolio are subject to an annual distribution and servicing fee. See "Distribution and Servicing Arrangements."

As to each Portfolio, the Management Agreement is subject to annual approval by (i) the Fund's Board of Directors or (ii) vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the outstanding voting securities of the relevant Portfolio, provided that in either event the continuance also is approved by a majority of the Independent Directors of the Fund or the Investment Manager, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. As to each Portfolio, the Management Agreement is terminable without penalty, on 60 days' notice, by the Fund's Board of Directors or by vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of such Portfolio, or, upon not less than 90 days' notice, by the Investment Manager. The Management Agreement will terminate automatically, as to the relevant Portfolio, in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act). The Management Agreement provides that in the absence of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of the Investment Manager, or of reckless disregard of its obligations thereunder, the Investment Manager shall not be liable for any action or failure to act in accordance with its duties thereunder.

Proxy Voting

The Fund has delegated voting of proxies in respect of portfolio holdings to the Investment Manager, to vote the Fund's proxies in accordance with the Investment Manager's proxy voting policy and guidelines (the "Voting Guidelines") that provide as follows:

- The Investment Manager votes proxies in the best interests of its clients.

- Unless the Investment Manager's Proxy Committee otherwise determines, the Investment Manager votes proxies in a manner consistent with the Voting Guidelines.
- To avoid conflicts of interest, the Investment Manager votes proxies where a material conflict has been deemed to exist in accordance with specific proxy voting guidelines regarding various standard proxy proposals ("Approved Guidelines") or, if the Approved Guideline is to vote case-by-case, in accordance with the recommendation of an independent source.
- The Investment Manager also may determine not to vote proxies in respect of securities of any issuer if it determines that it would be in the client's overall best interests not to vote.

The Voting Guidelines address how it will vote proxies on particular types of matters such as the election for directors, adoption of option plans and anti-takeover proposals. For example, the Investment Manager generally will:

- vote as recommended by management in routine election or re-election of directors;
- favor programs intended to reward management and employees for positive, long-term performance, evaluating whether the Investment Manager believes, under the circumstances, that the level of compensation is appropriate or excessive; and
- vote against anti-takeover measures, such as adopting supermajority voting requirements, shareholder rights plans and fair price provisions.

The Fund's proxy voting record for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling (800) 823-6300 or (2) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Information as of June 30 each year will generally be available by the following August 31.

Administrator, Custodian and Transfer Agent

The Fund has entered into an administrative agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company ("State Street"), One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, to provide certain administrative services to the Portfolios. Each Portfolio bears the cost of such services at a fixed annual rate of \$42,500, plus 0.02% of average daily net assets up to \$1 billion and 0.01% of average daily net assets over \$1 billion. State Street has agreed to waive \$18,750 of the \$42,500 base fee for the Strategic Equity Portfolio until the Portfolio's net assets reach \$25 million.

State Street also acts as the Fund's custodian. As the Fund's custodian, State Street, among other things, maintains a custody account or accounts in the name of each Portfolio; receives and delivers all assets for each Portfolio upon purchase and upon sale or maturity; collects and receives all income and other payments and distributions on account of the assets of each Portfolio and disburses the Portfolio's assets in payment of its expenses. The custodian does not determine the investment policies of any Portfolio or decide which securities any Portfolio will buy or sell.

Boston Financial Data Services, Inc. ("BFDS"), P.O. Box 8154, Boston, Massachusetts 02266-8154, is the Fund's transfer and dividend disbursing agent. Under a transfer agency agreement with the Fund, BFDS arranges for the maintenance of shareholder account records for each Portfolio, the handling of certain communications between shareholders and the Fund and the payment of dividends and distributions payable by the Fund. For these services, BFDS receives a monthly fee computed on the

basis of the number of shareholder accounts it maintains for the Fund during the month and is reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

Distributor

Lazard Asset Management Securities LLC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-6300, serves as the distributor of each Portfolio's shares and conducts a continuous offering pursuant to a "best efforts" arrangement. As the distributor, it accepts purchase and redemption orders for Portfolio shares. In addition, the distribution agreement obligates the Distributor to pay certain expenses in connection with the offering of Portfolio shares. After the Prospectuses and periodic reports have been prepared, set in type and mailed to shareholders, the Distributor also will pay for any printing and distribution of copies thereof used in connection with the offering to prospective investors.

DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

Net asset value per share for each Class of each Portfolio is determined by State Street for the Fund on each day the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") is open for business. The NYSE is ordinarily closed on the following national holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Net asset value per share is determined by dividing the value of the total assets of the Portfolio represented by such Class, less all liabilities, by the total number of Portfolio shares of such Class outstanding.

Market values for securities listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ national market or other U.S. exchanges or markets are generally based on the last reported sales price on the principal exchange or market on which the security is traded, generally as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on each valuation date; securities not traded on the valuation date are valued at the closing bid price. The Fund values NASDAQ-traded securities at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price, which may not be the last reported sales price in certain instances. Options on stock and stock indices traded on national securities exchanges are valued as of the close of options trading on such exchanges (which is normally 4:10 p.m., Eastern time). Any securities not listed, for which current over-the-counter market quotations or bids are readily available, are valued at the last quoted bid price or, if available, the mean of two such prices. Securities listed on foreign exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price except as described below; securities not traded on the valuation date are valued at the last quoted bid price. Bonds and other fixed-income securities that are not exchange-traded are valued on the basis of prices provided by pricing services which are based primarily on institutional trading in similar groups of securities, or by using brokers' quotations. Debt securities maturing in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, except where to do so would not accurately reflect their fair value, in which case such securities are valued at fair value as determined under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

Calculation of a Portfolio's net asset value may not take place contemporaneously with the determination of the prices of portfolio assets used in such calculation. Trading on Europe, Latin and South America and Far East securities exchanges and in over-the-counter markets ordinarily is completed well before the close of business on each business day in New York (*i.e.*, a day on which the NYSE is open). In addition, European or Far Eastern securities trading generally or in a particular country or countries may not take place on all business days in New York and on which the net asset value of a Portfolio is calculated. If a significant event materially affecting the value of securities occurs between the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded and the time when a Portfolio's net asset value is calculated, or when current market quotations otherwise are determined not to be readily available or reliable, such securities will be valued at their fair value as determined by, or in accordance with procedures approved by, the Board of Directors. The Valuation Committee of the Investment Manager may evaluate a variety of factors to determine the fair value of securities for which

market quotations are determined not to be readily available or reliable. These factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security, the value of comparable securities, observations from financial institutions and relevant news events. Input from the Investment Manager's analysts also will be considered. Fair valuing of foreign securities may be determined with the assistance of a pricing service using correlations between the movement of prices of such securities and indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators, such as closing market prices of relevant ADRs or futures contracts. The effect of using fair value pricing is that the net asset value of a Portfolio will reflect the affected securities' values as determined in the judgment of the Board of Directors or its designee instead of being determined by the market. Using a fair value pricing methodology to price securities may result in a value that is different from the most recent closing price of a security and from the prices used by other investment companies to calculate their portfolios' net asset values. Foreign securities may trade on days when a Portfolio is not open for business, thus affecting the value of the Portfolio's assets on days when Portfolio shareholders may not be able to buy or sell Portfolio shares.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

General

Subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors, the Investment Manager is primarily responsible for the investment decisions and the placing of portfolio transactions for each Portfolio. In arranging for the Portfolios' securities transactions, the Investment Manager is primarily concerned with seeking best execution, which is considered to be the most favorable combination of price and quantity that can be traded at a point in time given, among other factors, the liquidity, market conditions, and required urgency of execution. In choosing broker-dealers, the Investment Manager considers all relevant factors, including but not limited to: the ability of a broker-dealer to provide a prompt and efficient agency execution; the ability and willingness of a broker-dealer to facilitate the transactions by acting as principal and going at risk for its own accounts; the ability of a broker-dealer to provide accurate and timely settlement of the transaction; the Investment Manager's knowledge of the negotiated commission rates currently available and other current transactions costs; the clearance and settlement capabilities of the broker; the Investment Manager's knowledge of the financial condition of the broker or dealer selected; and any other matter relevant to the selection of a broker-dealer. In the over-the-counter market, securities are generally traded on a "net" basis with dealers acting as principal for their own accounts without a stated commission, although the price of the security usually includes a profit to the dealer. In underwritten offerings, securities are purchased at a fixed price that includes an amount of compensation to the underwriter, generally referred to as the underwriter's concession or discount.

To the extent consistent with applicable provisions of the 1940 Act and the rules adopted by the SEC thereunder, the Fund's Board of Directors has determined that securities transactions for a Portfolio may be executed through the Distributor if, in the judgment of the Investment Manager, the use of the Distributor is likely to result in price and execution at least as favorable as those of other qualified brokers or dealers, and if, in the transaction, the Distributor charges the Portfolio a rate consistent with that charged to comparable unaffiliated customers in similar transactions.

Purchase and sale orders for securities held by a Portfolio may be combined with those for other Portfolios in the interest of the most favorable net results for all. In some cases, this policy may adversely affect the price paid or received by an account, or the size of the position obtained or liquidated. When the Investment Manager determines that a particular security should be bought for or sold by more than one Portfolio, the Investment Manager undertakes to allocate those transactions between the participants equitably.

The portfolio turnover rates for Small-Mid Cap Portfolio, which increased from 102% in 2007 to 139% in 2008, were impacted by asset flows and Portfolio share activity during the periods.

IPO Allocations. (All Portfolios) Under the Investment Manager's trade allocation procedures applicable to domestic and foreign initial and secondary public offerings and Rule 144A transactions (collectively herein "IPO"), the Investment Manager will generally allocate IPO shares among client accounts, including the Portfolios, pro rata based upon the aggregate asset size (excluding leverage) of the account. The Investment Manager may also allocate IPO shares on a random basis, as selected electronically, or other basis. It is often difficult for the Investment Manager to obtain a sufficient number of IPO shares to provide a full allocation to each account. The Investment Manager's allocation procedures are designed to allocate IPO securities in a fair and equitable manner.

The Portfolios listed below held securities of their regular brokers or dealers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008:

Portfolio	Broker/Dealer	Value on December 31, 2008 (in \$000s)
Strategic Equity Portfolio	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	\$ 43
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	State Street Bank & Trust Company	1,502
International Equity Portfolio	UBS AG	3,878
	State Street Bank & Trust Company	13,011
Emerging Markets Portfolio	State Street Bank & Trust Company	13,850

Research and Statistical Information

Consistent with the requirements of best execution, brokerage commissions on a Portfolio's transactions may be paid to brokers in recognition of investment research and information furnished as well as for brokerage and execution services provided by such brokers. The Investment Manager may in its discretion cause accounts to pay such broker-dealers a commission for effecting a portfolio transaction in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer adequately qualified to effect such transaction would have charged for effecting that transaction. This may be done where the Investment Manager has determined in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and/or research to that particular transaction or to the Investment Manager's overall responsibilities with respect to the accounts as to which it exercises investment discretion.

The Investment Manager receives a wide range of research (including proprietary research) and brokerage services from brokers. These services include information on the economy, industries, groups of securities, and individual companies; statistical information; technical market action, pricing and appraisal services; portfolio management computer services (including trading and settlement systems); risk management analysis; and performance analysis. Broker-dealers may also supply market quotations to the Fund's custodian for valuation purposes.

Any research received in respect of a Portfolio's brokerage commission may be useful to the Portfolio, but also may be useful in the management of the account of another client of the Investment Manager. Similarly, the research received for the commissions of such other client may be useful for the Portfolio.

Brokerage Commissions

In connection with its portfolio securities transactions for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, each Portfolio indicated below paid brokerage commissions as follows:

Year Ended December 31, 2006

Portfolio	Total Brokerage Commissions Paid	Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid to Lazard	Percentage of Total Brokerage Commissions Paid to Lazard	Percentage of Total Brokerage Transactions Effected Through Lazard
Strategic Equity Portfolio	\$ 7,376	—	—	—
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	455,908	—	—	—
International Equity Portfolio	542,028	—	—	—
Emerging Markets Portfolio	299,917	—	—	—

Year Ended December 31, 2007

Portfolio	Total Brokerage Commissions Paid	Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid to Lazard	Percentage of Total Brokerage Commissions Paid to Lazard	Percentage of Total Brokerage Transactions Effected Through Lazard
Strategic Equity Portfolio	\$ 8,470	—	—	—
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	231,291	—	—	—
International Equity Portfolio	460,674	—	—	—
Emerging Markets Portfolio	783,993	—	—	—

Year Ended December 31, 2008

Portfolio	Total Brokerage Commissions Paid	Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid to Lazard	Percentage of Total Brokerage Commissions Paid to Lazard	Percentage of Total Brokerage Transactions Effected Through Lazard
Strategic Equity Portfolio	\$ 7,666	—	—	—
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	233,166	—	—	—
International Equity Portfolio	430,672	—	—	—
Emerging Markets Portfolio	877,537	—	—	—

The aggregate amount of transactions during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 in securities effected on an agency basis through a broker for, among other things, research services, and the commissions and concessions related to such transactions were as follows:

Portfolio	Transaction Amount	Commissions and Concessions
Strategic Equity Portfolio	\$ 6,742,878	\$ 7,666
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	137,365,349	233,166
International Equity Portfolio	339,485,056	430,672
Emerging Markets Portfolio	425,438,335	877,537

BUYING AND SELLING SHARES

General. Individuals may not place purchase orders directly with the Fund. Individuals should consult a Participating Insurance Company or a financial intermediary for information on the purchase of Portfolio shares. The Fund does not issue share certificates.

Portfolio shares may be purchased and redeemed at any time by the separate accounts of the Participating Insurance Companies. Individuals may not place purchase or redemption orders directly with the Fund. The value of shares redeemed may be more or less than their original cost, depending on the Portfolio's then-current net asset value.

The Fund ordinarily will make payment for all shares redeemed within seven days after receipt by the Participating Insurance Company of a redemption request in proper form, except as provided by the rules of the SEC.

Redemption Commitment. The Fund has committed to pay in cash all redemption requests by any shareholder of record, limited in amount during any 90-day period to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the value of a Portfolio's net assets at the beginning of such period. Such commitment is irrevocable without the prior approval of the SEC. In the case of requests for redemption in excess of such amount, the Fund's Board of Directors reserves the right to make payments, in whole or in part in portfolio securities or other assets of the Portfolio in cases of emergency or at any time that the Investment Manager believes a cash distribution would impair the liquidity of the Portfolio to the detriment of the existing shareholders. In such event, the securities would be valued in the same manner as the Portfolio's investments are valued. If the recipient sold such securities, brokerage charges might be incurred.

Suspension of Redemptions. The right of redemption may be suspended, or the date of payment postponed: (a) during any period when the NYSE is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings); (b) when trading in the markets the Portfolio ordinarily utilizes is restricted, or when an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of the Portfolio's investments or determination of its net asset value is not reasonably practicable; or (c) for such other periods as the SEC by order may permit to protect the Portfolio's shareholders.

DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICING ARRANGEMENTS

Distribution and Servicing Plan for Service Shares

Service Shares are subject to a Distribution and Servicing Plan adopted by the Fund's Board of Directors pursuant to Rule 12b-1 (the "Rule") adopted by the SEC under the 1940 Act which provides, among other things, that an investment company may bear expenses of distributing its shares only pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with the Rule. Pursuant to the Distribution and Servicing Plan, the Fund pays the Distributor for advertising, marketing and distributing each Portfolio's Service Shares, and for the provision of certain services to the holders of Service Shares, a fee at the annual rate of .25% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio's Service Shares. The Distributor may make payments to Participating Insurance Companies for providing these services to Policy owners, or to certain financial institutions, securities dealers and other industry professionals for providing these services to Policy owners. The services provided may include personal services relating to shareholder accounts, such as answering shareholder inquiries regarding the Fund and providing reports and other information, and services related to the maintenance of shareholder accounts. The fee payable for such services is intended to be a "service fee" as defined in Conduct Rules of FINRA. Depending on a Participating Insurance Company's corporate structure and applicable state law, the Distributor may make payments to the Participating Insurance Company's affiliated broker-dealer or other affiliated company rather than the Participating Insurance Company itself. From time to time, the Distributor may defer or waive receipt of fees under the Distribution and Servicing Plan while retaining the ability to be paid by the Fund under the Distribution and Servicing Plan thereafter. The fees payable under the Distribution and Servicing Plan are payable without regard to actual expenses incurred. The Fund's Board of Directors believes there is a reasonable likelihood that the Distribution and Servicing Plan will benefit each Portfolio and holders of its Service Shares.

A quarterly report of the amounts expended under the Distribution and Servicing Plan, and the purposes for which such expenditures were incurred, must be made to the Board of Directors for its review. The Distribution and Servicing Plan provides that it may not be amended to increase materially the costs which holders of Service Shares of a Portfolio may bear without such shareholders' approval and that other material amendments of the Distribution and Servicing Plan must be approved by the Board of Directors and by the Independent Directors of the Fund who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Distribution and Servicing Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Distribution and Servicing Plan, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such amendments. The Distribution and Servicing Plan is subject to annual approval by such vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Distribution and Servicing Plan. As to each Portfolio, the Distribution and Servicing Plan may be terminated at any time by vote of a majority of the Independent Directors who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Distribution and Servicing Plan or in any agreements entered into in connection with the Distribution and Servicing Plan, or by vote of the holders of a majority of such Portfolio's Service Shares.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Portfolios paid the Distributor the amounts set forth below with respect to their Service Shares under the Distribution and Servicing Plan:

Portfolio	Amount Paid Under Distribution and Servicing Plan For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Strategic Equity Portfolio	\$ 9,722
Small-Mid Cap Portfolio	124,412
International Equity Portfolio	849,507
Emerging Markets Portfolio	580,646

Payments by the Investment Manager or Distributor

The Investment Manager or the Distributor may provide additional cash payments out of its own resources to Participating Insurance Companies and/or their affiliates. Such payments are in addition to any fees paid by the Fund under Rule 12b-1. These additional payments may be paid to provide shareholder servicing and administration and/or marketing and related administrative support. Investors or potential investors should contact their Participating Insurance Company for details about any payments that may be received in connection with the sale of Fund shares or the provision of services to the Fund.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Dividends from net investment income from each Portfolio generally will be declared and paid at least annually, and may be declared and paid more frequently. Shareholders who redeem all their shares of the Portfolio prior to a dividend payment date will receive, in addition to the redemption proceeds, any dividends that are declared but unpaid through the date of their redemption. Shareholders who redeem only a portion of their shares will receive all dividends declared but unpaid on those shares on the next dividend payment date.

Dividends for each Class of a Portfolio will be calculated at the same time and in the same manner and will be of the same amount, except that certain expenses will be borne exclusively by one Class and not by the other, such as fees payable under the Distribution and Servicing Plan. Service Shares will receive lower per share dividends than Investor Shares because of the higher expenses borne by Service Shares.

Investment income for a Portfolio includes, among other things, dividends and interest income.

With respect to all of the Portfolios, net realized capital gains, if any, will be distributed at least annually, and may be declared and paid more frequently. If a dividend check mailed to a shareholder who elected to receive dividends and/or capital gain distributions in cash is returned as undeliverable by the postal or other delivery service, such shareholder's distribution option automatically will be converted to all dividends and other distributions reinvested in additional shares. No interest will accrue on amounts represented by uncashed distribution or redemption checks.

TAXATION

The Investment Manager believes that each Portfolio that had commenced operations as of the date of this Statement of Additional Information has qualified for the most recent fiscal year as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Code. It is intended that each such Portfolio will continue to so qualify as a regulated investment company if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders. Each Portfolio will be treated as a separate entity for tax purposes and thus the provisions of the Code applicable to regulated investment companies generally will be applied to each Portfolio separately, rather than to the Fund as a whole. As a regulated investment company, a Portfolio will pay no federal income tax on net investment income and net realized securities gains to the extent that such income and gains are distributed to shareholders in accordance with applicable provisions of the Code. To qualify as a regulated investment company, the Portfolio must distribute at least 90% of its net income (consisting of net investment income and net short-term capital gain) to its shareholders and meet certain asset diversification and other requirements. If the Portfolio did not qualify as a regulated investment company, it would be treated, for tax purposes, as an ordinary corporation subject to federal income tax. The term "regulated investment company" does not imply the supervision of management of investment practices or policies by any government agency.

Each Portfolio intends to comply with the diversification requirements imposed by section 817(h) of the Code and the regulations thereunder. These requirements place certain limitations on the proportion of each Portfolio's assets that may be represented by any single investment (which includes all securities of the same issuer). For purposes of section 817(h), all securities of the same issuer, all interests in the same real property project, and all interest in the same commodity are treated as a single investment. In addition, each U.S. Government agency or instrumentality is treated as a separate issuer, while the securities of a particular foreign government and its agencies, instrumentalities and political subdivisions all will be considered securities issued by the same issuer.

Generally, a regulated investment company must distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and capital gains in accordance with a calendar year distribution requirement in order to avoid a nondeductible 4% excise tax. However, the excise tax does not apply to a fund whose only shareholders are certain tax exempt trusts or segregated asset accounts of life insurance companies held in connection with variable contracts. In order to avoid this excise tax, each Portfolio intends to qualify for this exemption or to make its distributions in accordance with the calendar year.

If a Portfolio fails to qualify as a regulated investment company, the Portfolio will be subject to federal, and possibly state, corporate taxes on its taxable income and gains, distributions to its shareholders will be taxed as ordinary dividend income to the extent of such Portfolio's available earnings and profits, and Policy owners could lose the benefit of tax deferral on distributions made to the separate accounts of Participating Insurance Companies. Similarly, if a Portfolio failed to comply with the diversification requirements of section 817(h) of the Code and the regulations thereunder, Policy owners could be subject to current tax on distributions made to the separate accounts of Participating Insurance Companies.

Certain Portfolios may invest in an entity that is classified as a "passive foreign investment company" ("PFIC") for federal income tax purposes, the operation of certain provisions of the Code applying to PFICs could result in the imposition of certain federal income taxes on the Portfolios. In addition, gain realized from the sale or other disposition of PFIC securities held beyond the end of the Portfolio's taxable year may be treated as ordinary income.

Income received by a Portfolio from sources within foreign countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by such countries. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes. It is impossible to determine the effective rate of foreign tax in advance, since the amount of each Portfolio's assets to be invested in various countries is not known.

If you are neither a resident nor a citizen of the United States, or if you are a foreign entity, the Portfolio's ordinary income dividends (which include distributions of net short-term capital gains) will generally be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax, unless a lower treaty rate applies.

The foregoing is only a general summary of some of the important federal income tax considerations generally affecting the Portfolios and their shareholders. No attempt is made to present a complete explanation of the federal tax treatment of the Portfolios' activities or to discuss state and local tax matters affecting the Portfolios. Policy owners are urged to consult their own tax advisers for more detailed information concerning tax implications of investments in the Portfolios. For more information concerning the federal income tax consequences, Policy owners should refer to the prospectuses for their Policies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND AND PORTFOLIOS

As of March 31, 2009, no person owned of record or was known by the Fund to own beneficially 5% or more of a Class of the indicated Portfolio's outstanding voting securities except the following:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Shares Outstanding</u>
Strategic Equity Portfolio—Service Shares	
The Ohio National Life Insurance Co. FBO Separate Accounts P.O. Box 237 Cincinnati, OH 45201	53%
Jefferson National Life Insurance Co. Attn: Separate Accounts 9920 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1000 Louisville, KY 40223-4051	17%
Pacific Life Insurance Co. 700 Newport Center Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660	8%

Lazard Capital Markets LLC
 Attn: Stephen St. Clair
 30 Rockefeller Plaza, 49th Floor
 New York, NY 10112 5%

Small-Mid Cap Portfolio—Service Shares

The Ohio National Life Insurance Co.
 FBO Separate Accounts
 P.O. Box 237
 Cincinnati, OH 45201 78%

Jefferson National Life Insurance Co.
 Attn: Separate Accounts
 9920 Corporate Campus Drive, Suite 1000
 Louisville, KY 40223-4051 8%

International Equity Portfolio—Service Shares

The Ohio National Life Insurance Co.
 FBO Separate Accounts
 P.O. Box 237
 Cincinnati, OH 45201 94%

Emerging Markets Portfolio—Service Shares

The Ohio National Life Insurance Co.
 FBO Separate Accounts
 P.O. Box 237
 Cincinnati, OH 45201 82%

Sunlife Assurance Co. of Canada (US)
 P.O. Box 9134 SC4319
 Wellesley Hills, MA 02481-9134 8%

Emerging Markets Portfolio—Investor Shares

Fidelity Investments Life Insurance Co.
 FBO Fidelity Investments Variable
 82 Devonshire Street
 Boston, MA 02109-3605 90%

Empire Fidelity Investments Life Insurance Co.
 FBO Empire Fidelity Investments
 82 Devonshire Street
 Boston, MA 02109-3605 8%

Under the 1940 Act, a shareholder that beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than 25% of a Portfolio's total outstanding shares may be deemed a "control person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Portfolio. The Fund does not believe that the record shareholders listed above are the beneficial owners of such shares.

Generally, all shares have equal voting rights and will be voted in the aggregate, and not by class, except where voting by Class is required by law or where the matter involved affects only one Class. As used in this Statement of Additional Information, the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities means, with respect to the Fund or a Portfolio, the vote of the lesser of (i) 67% of the shares represented at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund or Portfolio, as the case may be, are present in person or by proxy, or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund or Portfolio, as the case may be. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each full share held, and fractional votes for fractional shares held.

Because shares of the Portfolios are sold only to separate accounts of Participating Insurance Companies, Policy owners of the separate accounts direct the voting of Portfolio shares by such separate accounts. Votes in respect of Portfolio shares are passed through to Policy owners and are voted by separate accounts in accordance with instructions from their Policy owners. Votes in respect of Portfolio shares for which votes are not received from Policy owners are voted proportionally with votes received. As a result of this voting mechanism, a small number of Policy owners may determine the result of any shareholder vote in respect of Portfolio shares.

Shareholders are not entitled to any preemptive, subscription or conversion rights and are freely transferable. All shares, when issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the offering, will be fully paid and non-assessable by the Fund. Each share of the applicable Class of a Portfolio is entitled to such dividends and distributions out of the income earned on the assets belonging to that Portfolio as are declared in the discretion of the Fund's Board of Directors. In the event of the liquidation of a Portfolio, shares of each Class of the Portfolio are entitled to receive the assets attributable to such Class of that Portfolio that are available for distribution based on the relative net assets of the applicable Class.

Unless otherwise required by the 1940 Act, ordinarily it will not be necessary for the Fund to hold annual meetings of shareholders. As a result, shareholders may not consider each year the election of Directors or the appointment of independent auditors. However, the holders of at least 10% of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote may require the Fund to hold a special meeting of shareholders for purposes of removing a Director from office. Shareholders may remove a Director by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Fund's outstanding voting shares. In addition, the Board of Directors will call a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of electing Directors if, at any time, less than a majority of the Directors then holding office have been elected by shareholders.

The Fund is a "series fund," which is a mutual fund divided into separate portfolios, each of which is treated as a separate entity for certain matters under the 1940 Act and for other purposes. A shareholder of one portfolio is not deemed to be a shareholder of any other portfolio. For certain matters shareholders vote together as a group; as to others they vote separately by portfolio.

To date, the Board of Directors has created ten Portfolios. All consideration received by the Fund for shares of one of the Portfolios, and all assets in which such consideration is invested, will belong to that Portfolio (subject only to the rights of creditors of the Fund) and will be subject to the liabilities related thereto. The income attributable to, and the expenses of, one Portfolio would be treated separately from those of the other Portfolios. The Fund has the ability to create, from time to time, new series without shareholder approval. Prior to May 1, 2007, Lazard Retirement U.S. Strategic Equity Portfolio was known as "Lazard Retirement Equity Portfolio." In addition, prior to June 1, 2009, Lazard Retirement U.S. Small-Mid Cap Equity Portfolio is known as "Lazard Retirement U.S. Small Cap Equity Portfolio."

Rule 18f-2 under the 1940 Act provides that any matter required to be submitted under the provisions of the 1940 Act or applicable state law or otherwise to the holders of the outstanding voting securities of an investment company, such as the Fund, will not be deemed to have been effectively acted

upon unless approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of each portfolio affected by such matter. Rule 18f-2 further provides that a portfolio shall be deemed to be affected by a matter unless it is clear that the interests of each portfolio in the matter are identical or that the matter does not affect any interest of such portfolio. The Rule exempts the selection of independent auditors and the election of Directors from the separate voting requirements of the rule.

Each Portfolio will send annual and semi-annual financial statements to its shareholders. The Fund's Registration Statement, including the Prospectuses, the Statement of Additional Information and the exhibits filed therewith, may be examined at the office of the SEC in Washington, D.C. Statements contained in the Prospectuses or this Statement of Additional Information as to the content of any contract or other document referred to herein or in the Prospectuses are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

COUNSEL AND INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Legal matters in connection with the issuance of the shares of the Fund offered hereby have been passed upon by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038-4982.

Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP, 1375 Broadway, New York, New York 10018, is the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund.