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Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc. Semi-Annual Report

JUNE 30, 2005

Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc.

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Investment Overview

Dear Shareholders,

We are pleased to present this semi-annual report for Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc. (LGI or the Fund), for the period ended June 30, 2005. LGI is a diversified, closed-end management investment company that began trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on April 28, 2004. Its ticker symbol is LGI.

We are pleased with the returns that have been generated by LGI on its investments over the last year, and since inception, and believe that the Fund has provided investors with an attractive yield and diversification, backed by the extensive experience, commitment, and professional management of Lazard Asset Management LLC.

Portfolio Update (June 30, 2005)

For the six-months ended June 30, 2005, the Fund s performance, as measured by the Net Asset Value per share (NAV), fell 3.4%, while the benchmark, the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI®) World® Index lost 0.7%. Although the Fund underperformed the Index in this period, LGI s historical performance has been very strong; the one-year and since-inception (fourteen-month period) annualized NAV returns of 12.7% and 11.5%, respectively, compare very favorably with the Index returns of 10.1% and 8.8% over these same periods. Shares of LGI ended the second quarter with a closing market price of \$18.50, representing a 9.1% discount to the Fund s NAV. The Fund s net assets were \$195.4 million as of June 30, 2005, with total leveraged assets of \$284.6 million, representing 31.3% leverage.

We believe that LGI s investment thesis remains sound, and we are encouraged by strong performance over the last year, and since-inception. However, NAV returns for the year-to-date have been weaker than hoped for, as a result of poor stock performance in the equity portfolio, as well as the strong dollar rally that negatively affected returns on both the equity strategy and the currency and debt strategy.

As of June 30, 2005, approximately 66.7% of the Fund s total leveraged assets consisted of global equities and approximately 33.3% consisted of emerging market currency and debt instruments.

Declaration of Dividends

Pursuant to LGI s level distribution policy, the Fund s Board of Directors have declared a monthly dividend distribution of \$0.1042 per share on the company s outstanding stock, since July 23, 2004. This distribution level represents an annualized market yield of 6.8%, based on the share price of \$18.50 at the close of the NYSE trading on June 30, 2005. LGI has met all of its dividend obligations without returning any of the Fund s capital.

Additional Information

Please note that available on www.LazardNet.com, are frequent updates on the Fund s performance, press releases, and a monthly fact sheet that provides information about the Fund s major holdings, sector weightings, regional exposures, and other characteristics. You may also reach Lazard by phone at 1-800-828-5548.

On behalf of Lazard Asset Management LLC, we thank you for your investment in Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc. and look forward to continuing to serve your investment needs in the future.

Message from the Portfolio Manager

Global Equity Portfolio (66.7% of total leveraged assets)

The Fund s equity portfolio is invested primarily in 35 to 45 equity securities of large, well-known global companies with strong financial productivity and attractive valuations. Examples include GlaxoSmith-Kline, a global, research-based pharmaceutical company based in the United Kingdom; Home Depot, a U.S.-based company that operates warehouse-style stores selling building

materials, home improvement supplies, and lawn and garden products; Nokia Corp., the Finnish manufacturer of mobile telephones, enhanced communicators, entertainment and gaming devices, and media and imaging telephones; and Total SA, the French-based energy supplier that explores for, produces, refines, transports, and markets oil and natural gas.

These companies are all based in developed-market regions around the world. As of June 30, 42.4% of the global equity portfolio s stocks were based in North America, 29.3% were from continental Europe (not

Investment Overview (continued)

including the U.K.), 22.5% were from the U.K., and 5.8% were from Japan. The global equity portfolio is similarly well diversified across a number of industry sectors. The top two sectors, by weight, at the end of June were financials (27.7%), which includes banks, insurance companies, and financial services companies, and information technology (15.9%), a sector that encompasses the design, development, installation, and implementation of information systems and applications, which includes hardware, software, IT services, and media-related companies. Other sectors included consumer discretionary, consumer staples, energy, health care, industrials, and telecommunications services.

Global Equity Market Review

Global markets were up modestly for the second quarter, after falling sharply in April and steadily recovering to end the quarter positive, in local currency terms. However, returns in U.S. dollars were depressed due to a strong rally in the dollar. Small-cap stocks outperformed large-cap stocks for both the second quarter and for the year-to-date. The euro continued to fall in June after Dutch and French voters soundly rejected the proposed European Union Constitution, calling into question the sustainability of European integration. Falling bond yields in June helped stocks, outweighing concerns that record oil prices would slow economic growth and hurt corporate earnings. Ten-year government bond yields hit record lows in Germany, Sweden, and Switzerland, amid worries that the global economy is expansion may slow. Also in June, the Bank of England voted to hold the benchmark interest rate at 4.75%, underscoring increased anxiety about signs of faltering growth in the U.K. economy. In Japan, the government unexpectedly cut its estimate for first quarter economic growth due to sluggish export demand from overseas. From a sector perspective, defensive stocks were among the best performers for the quarter, as health care stocks outperformed, and utility stocks rose as investors sought yield. Energy stocks also did well with the price of oil rising to over \$60 a barrel. Materials, industrials, and consumer discretionary stocks underperformed, reflecting concern that slower global economic growth may curtail demand. European markets were the best performers regionally, amid optimism that companies dependent on U.S. sales would benefit from the dollar is advance. Although Japanese stocks moved lower, other Asia-Pacific markets performed well.

What Helped and What Hurt LGI

During the period, the Fund s global equity portfolio benefited from an underweight position and from stock selection in consumer discretionary stocks. U.S. retail holding, Home Depot, outperformed after previous weakness, which had resulted from concerns over higher interest rates and their impact on the housing market. Stock selection in health care detracted from performance as German pharmaceuticals company, Schering AG, declined based on disappointing news regarding the effectiveness of its experimental cancer medicine. Stock selection in financials also detracted from performance as Japanese financial services company, Nomura, declined in the face of intensifying competitive pressures. However, the company is aggressively buying back stock and its valuation is at the low end of its historical range.

Emerging Market Currency and Debt Portfolio (33.3% of total leveraged assets)

The Fund also seeks enhanced income through investments in short duration¹ (typically, below one year) emerging market forward currency contracts and local currency debt instruments. As of June 30, this portfolio consisted of primarily forward currency contracts (92.1%) with a smaller allocation to sovereign debt obligations (7.9%). The average duration of the emerging market currency and debt portfolio was approximately 2.9 months as of June 30, with an average credit rating² of A+.

As of June 30, the Fund s emerging market currency and debt holdings were highly diversified across 27 countries within Eastern Europe (28.6%), Asia (29.7%), Latin America (11.9%), the Middle East (11.0%), Africa (7.9%), and the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic countries (10.7%).

Emerging Market Currency and Debt Market Review

This year, the market s attention seems to have shifted from structural global imbalances, which portend a continued U.S. dollar decline versus emerging market currencies, to the near-term prospects of higher U.S. interest rates and a relatively better growth outlook, both of which are supportive of the U.S. dollar. As of June 30, the U.S. dollar had surged versus both the euro and the yen, by 10.7% and 7.5%, respectively.

Investment Overview (continued)

Eastern European currencies were pressured by a wave of risk aversion, surrounding the Dutch and French no votes on the European Union Constitution. Following the vote, the market s concern regarding European integration and the burgeoning status of the euro as a U.S. dollar-alternative reserve currency, was apparent in the single currency s continued decline. In Russia, the central bank has stepped in to limit ruble appreciation by absorbing surplus U.S. dollars into foreign-exchange reserves.

Inflation is rising marginally, yet remains subdued in most of the Fund s emerging market currency and debt portfolio s 49-country opportunity set. Moderating global growth is the more pressing concern, particularly among emerging Asian policymakers, along with the threat of slowing demand for regional exports, while rising oil price pressures a higher import bill. Year-to-date, growth risks are overwhelming inflationary concerns, so domestic yields in Asia remain at record low levels, and officials are biased toward maintaining cheap currencies.

At the end of the period, the Fund s emerging market currency and debt portfolio had a healthy yield cushion of 7.3% and we believe the portfolio is well positioned to benefit from a fundamentally weakening U.S.-dollar environment.

What Helped and What Hurt LGI

Brazil, Turkey, and Egypt posted noteworthy positive contributions to the Fund s emerging market currency and debt portfolio performance during the second quarter. The Brazilian and Turkish positions returned 17% and 7%, respectively (in U.S. dollars). Investment selection in Turkey added significant value, further augmenting impressive 5.5% money-market gains.

In Egypt, attractive local 9% yields and sizeable U.S. dollar inflows (Suez canal revenues, tourism season, Gulf remittances) have pressured the pound modestly stronger. The National Bank of Egypt has actively accumulated foreign exchange reserves year-to-date, rapidly approaching its \$20 billion near-term goal. Hence, more pronounced pound gains are anticipated as the central bank s interventionist efforts retreat ahead of the September election. The Egyptian pound s low correlation to the rest of the portfolio and low foreign exchange volatility make this, in our view, an attractive investment opportunity.

The second quarter presented a challenging environment for most emerging market currencies across the globe. While less than half of the portfolio s positions contributed positively, the portfolio avoided the largest losers a falling South African rand and the Hungarian forint s decline and it mitigated the impact of a negative Czech Republic return by significantly reducing the koruna exposure.

Negative returns were posted by core positions in the money markets of Slovakia, Poland, Romania, and Russia. Across Asia, regionally loose monetary policies (i.e., record low yields and strong money supply growth rates) aggravated currency declines. Positions in the South Korean won, Philippine peso, and Indonesian rupiah detracted from returns. In the Middle East, the Israeli shekel exposure was trimmed modestly but the remaining position detracted from performance. In Latin America, the portfolio s cautious 1% exposure to the Mexican peso s stellar 5.5% return limited upside. Larger weightings in the Colombian and Argentine pesos would have helped too, as they posted modestly positive returns.

Investment Overview (continued)

- A measure of the average cash weighted term-to-maturity of the investment holdings. Duration is a measure of the price sensitivity of a bond to interest rate movements. Duration for a forward currency contract is equal to its term-to-maturity.
- Source: S&P, Moody s and Fitch. Ratings for the forward currency contracts represent the counterparty credit rating. Ratings for the bonds represent the bond issuer rate.

All returns are for the period ended June 30, 2005 and reflect reinvestment of all dividends and distributions, if any. Past performance is not indicative, nor a guarantee, of future results.

The performance data of the index and other market data have been prepared from sources and data that the Investment Manager believes to be reliable, but no representation is made as to their accuracy. The index is unmanaged, has no fees or costs and is not available for investment.

The views of the Fund s management and the portfolio holdings described in this report are as of June 30, 2005; these views and portfolio holdings may have changed subsequent to this date. Nothing herein should be construed as a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold a particular investment. There is no assurance that the portfolio holdings discussed herein will remain in the Fund at the time you receive this report, or that portfolio holdings sold will have not been repurchased. The specific portfolio holdings may in aggregate represent only a small percentage of the Fund s holdings. It should not be assumed that investments identified and discussed were, or will be, profitable, or that the investment decisions we make in the future will be profitable, or equal the performance of the investments discussed herein.

The views and opinions expressed are provided for general information only, and do not constitute specific tax, legal, or investment advice to, or recommendations for, any person. There can be no guarantee as to the accuracy of the outlooks for markets, sectors and securities as discussed herein. You should read the Fund s prospectus for a more detailed discussion of the Fund s investment objective, strategies, risks and fees.

Investment Overview (continued)

Comparison of Changes in Value of \$10,000 Investment in LGI and MSCI World Index* (unaudited)

Total Return Information* (unaudited) For the period ended June 30, 2005

	Year ————	Inception**		
Market Price Net Asset Value	15.72% 12.70	(0.90)% 11.45		
MSCI World Index	10.05	8.76		

* All returns reflect reinvestment of all dividends and distributions, if any. Past performance is not indicative, nor a guarantee, of future results; the investment return, market price and net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate, so that an investor s shares in the Fund, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a stockholder would pay on the Fund s distributions or on the sale of Fund shares.

The performance data of the index has been prepared from sources and data that the Investment Manager believes to be reliable, but no representation is made as to its accuracy. The index is unmanaged, has no fees or costs and is not available for investment. The MSCI World Index represents market value-weighted average returns of selected securities listed on the stock exchanges of Europe, Australasia and Far East, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States.

** The Fund s inception date was April 28, 2004.

Investment Overview (concluded)

Ten Largest Equity Holdings June 30, 2005 (unaudited)

Security	Value	Percentage of Net Assets
GlaxoSmithKline PLC ADR	\$ 8,353.	
Exxon Mobil Corp.	7,367,	
Microsoft Corp.	6,970,	104 3.57
Total SA Sponsored ADR	6,788,	985 3.47
Johnson & Johnson	6,779,	500 3.47
Nokia Oyj Sponsored ADR	6,522,	880 3.34
General Electric Co.	6,410,	250 3.28
Bank of America Corp.	6,303,	302 3.23
Oracle Corp.	6,296,	400 3.22
HSBC Holdings PLC Sponsored ADR	6,077,	295 3.11
Portfolio Holdings Presented by Sector		
June 30, 2005 (unaudited)		

Percentage of **Total Investments** Sector **Commercial Services** 1.4% Consumer Discretionary 3.3 Consumer Staples 11.9 Energy 9.3 **Emerging Markets Debt Obligations** 3.1 Financials 21.8 Health Care 10.3 **Producer Manufacturing** 5.9 Technology 12.5 Telecommunications 2.1 **Short-Term Investments** 18.4 100.0% **Total Investments** 7

Portfolio of Investments

June 30, 2005 (unaudited)

Description	Shares	Value
Common Stocks 99.2% Finland 3.3% Nokia Oyj Sponsored ADR (c)	392,000	\$ 6,522,880
France 6.5% Societe Generale Sponsored ADR Total SA Sponsored ADR (d) Vivendi Universal SA Sponsored ADR	101,300 58,100 124,800	2,062,468 6,788,985 3,909,984
Total France		12,761,437
Germany 3.7%	50.000	0.500.000
Schering AG ADR (d) Siemens AG Sponsored ADR (d)	56,800 50,600	3,503,992 3,676,090
Total Germany		7,180,082
Italy 2.3% Eni SpA Sponsored ADR (d)	35,700	4,576,740
Japan 5.7% Canon, Inc. Sponsored ADR Kao Corp. Sponsored ADR (d) Nomura Holdings, Inc. ADR (d)	69,000 15,400 332,600	3,631,470 3,630,396 3,974,570
Total Japan		11,236,436
Netherlands 2.6% Heineken NV ADR (c), (d)	163,750	5,059,875
Switzerland 10.7% Credit Suisse Group Sponsored ADR (c), (d) Nestle SA Sponsored ADR (d) Novartis AG ADR (c), (d) Swiss Re Sponsored ADR (d) UBS AG (c)	150,200 57,400 82,800 55,200 51,000	5,878,828 3,669,582 3,928,032 3,390,936 3,970,350
Total Switzerland		20,837,728
United Kingdom 22.3% Barclays PLC Sponsored ADR (d) BP PLC Sponsored ADR Cadbury Schweppes PLC Sponsored ADR (c), (d)	135,300 69,600 112,700	5,403,882 4,341,648 4,319,791

Diageo PLC Sponsored ADR (d) GlaxoSmithKline PLC ADR (c), (d) HSBC Holdings PLC Sponsored ADR (c), (d) Unilever PLC Sponsored ADR (d) Vodafone Group PLC Sponsored ADR Total United Kingdom	101,100 172,200 76,300 95,500 219,100	5,995,230 8,353,422 6,077,295 3,710,175 5,328,512 43,529,955
United States 42.1% Bank of America Corp. (c) Cisco Systems, Inc. (a), (c) Citigroup, Inc. (c) Exxon Mobil Corp. (c) First Data Corp. General Electric Co. Golden West Financial Corp. (d) International Business Machines Corp. (c) Johnson & Johnson (c) JPMorgan Chase & Co. Microsoft Corp. (c) Oracle Corp. (a) Pfizer, Inc. The Coca-Cola Co. The Home Depot, Inc. (c) United Technologies Corp. Wells Fargo & Co.	138,200 220,400 116,000 128,200 84,300 185,000 31,200 42,600 104,300 148,896 280,600 477,000 103,500 74,200 107,600 88,000 67,000	6,303,302 4,211,844 5,362,680 7,367,654 3,383,802 6,410,250 2,008,656 3,160,920 6,779,500 5,259,007 6,970,104 6,296,400 2,854,530 3,097,850 4,185,640 4,518,800 4,125,860
Total United States		82,296,799
Total Common Stocks (Identified cost \$184,853,495)		194,001,932
Total Common Stocks (Identified cost \$184,853,495) Description	Principal Amount (000) (e)	194,001,932 Value
(Identified cost \$184,853,495)	Amount	
Description Description	Amount (000) (e) 2,800 2,050	Value 479,178 348,066 669,763

Portfolio of Investments (continued)

June 30, 2005 (unaudited)

Description		Principal Amount (000)	Value
Short-Term Investments 23.3% Repurchase Agreement 0.1% State Street Bank and Trust Co., 2.60%, 07/01/05 (Dated 06/30/05, collateralized \$225,000 United States Treasury Note, 4.00%, 11/15/12, with a value of \$228,656	5)		
Proceeds of \$224,016 (c)	\$	224	\$ 224,000
Collateral for Securities on Loan 23.2% State Street Navigator Securities Lending Prime Portfolio, 3.27% (g), (h)		45.249	45,249,363
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Total Short-Term Investments (Identified cost \$45,473,363)			45,473,363
Total Investments 126.4% (Identified cost \$237,913,703) (b)			247,083,137
Liabilities in Excess of Cash and Other Assets (26.4)%			(51,646,046)
Net Assets 100.0%			\$ 195,437,091

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

$Portfolio\ of\ Investments\ ({\tt continued})$

June 30, 2005 (unaudited)

Forward Currency Contracts open at June 30, 2005:

Forward Currency Purchase Contracts	Expiration Date	Foreign Currency	U.S. \$ Cost on Origination Date	U.S. \$ Current Value	Unrealized Appreciation	Unrealized Depreciation
ARS	07/26/05	2,207,800	\$ 760,000	\$ 762,587	\$ 2,587	\$
ARS	02/23/06	2,940,745	986,000	991,067	5,067	
BRL	07/06/05	3,047,296	1,289,042	1,287,410		1,632
BRL	08/09/05	9,733,248	3,808,000	4,056,496	248,496	
BRL	08/12/05	3,178,750	1,249,754	1,323,048	73,294	
BRL	09/28/05	2,907,714	986,000	1,187,026	201,026	
BRL	10/05/05	288,355	101,000	117,413	16,413	
BRL	11/03/05	2,015,904	736,000	812,407	76,407	
COP	09/06/05	1,028,340,000	435,000	439,293	4,293	
COP	09/07/05	3,806,196,000	1,603,959	1,625,792	21,833	
CZK	07/13/05	16,145,000	654,412	650,594		3,818
EGP	07/14/05	1,439,715	246,000	247,766	1,766	
EGP	07/18/05	2,962,381	505,000	509,348	4,348	
EGP	08/17/05	3,460,275	585,000	591,010	6,010	
EGP	08/29/05	1,410,120	240,000	240,214	214	
EGP	09/06/05	3,262,320	552,000	554,801	2,801	
EGP	09/08/05	2,677,230	453,000	455,110	2,110	
EGP	12/14/05	3,296,710	553,000	548,551		4,449
EGP	02/28/06	5,443,460	908,000	895,381		12,619
GHC	07/25/05	4,134,144,000	448,000	451,334	3,334	,
GHC	08/08/05	4,980,396,000	543,000	541,509		1,491
HRK	07/05/05	705,000	123,747	116,662		7,085
HRK	07/28/05	14,323,313	2,361,751	2,368,841	7,090	,
HRK	08/08/05	2,636,030	440,513	435,827	,	4,686
HRK	08/31/05	5,880,930	1,004,000	971,705		32,295
IDR	07/11/05	11,139,480,000	1,164,000	1,141,340		22,660
IDR	08/11/05	18,326,540,000	1,913,000	1,877,719		35,281
IDR	09/12/05	2,424,158,000	251,000	248,377		2,623
IDR	09/20/05	24,883,200,000	2,560,000	2,549,508		10,492
ILS	07/07/05	9,847,028	2,229,297	2,149,895		79,402
ILS	07/11/05	4,812,336	1,104,000	1,050,643		53,357
ILS	07/11/05	1,891,000	421,346	412,849		8,497
ILS	08/03/05	2,078,810	470,000	453,780		16,220
ILS	08/08/05	2,746,545	614,000	599,530		14,470
ILS	09/06/05	7,910,178	1,727,000	1,726,446		554
INR	08/03/05	19,569,660	447,000	449,301	2,301	
INR	09/06/05	170,703,120	3,892,000	3,913,459	21,459	
INR	09/08/05	9,056,250	207,000	207,604	604	
ISK	07/07/05	15,785,950	239,000	242,285	3,285	
KRW	07/07/05	125,700,000	120,000	121,624	1,624	
KRW	08/09/05	701,649,000	702,000	678,882		23,118
KRW	09/21/05	2,479,999,400	2,446,000	2,399,775		46,225
KRW	10/11/05	1,659,021,000	1,652,000	1,605,549		46,451
KRW	12/30/05	992,556,200	971,000	961,212		9,788
KZT	07/18/05	36,542,000	278,521	270,982		7,539
KZT	08/22/05	15,390,450	115,000	114,407		593
KZT	09/07/05	17,449,600	133,000	129,855		3,145

KZT

12/21/05

60,433,000

450,791

452,992

2,201

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

$Portfolio\ of\ Investments\ ({\tt continued})$

June 30, 2005 (unaudited)

Forward Currency Contracts open at June 30, 2005 (continued):

Forward Currency Purchase Contracts	Expiration Date	Foreign Currency	U.S. \$ Cost on Origination Date	 U.S. \$ Current Value	Unrealized Appreciation		_	Inrealized preciation
MAD	07/14/05	21,701,185	\$ 2,519,000	\$ 2,389,176	\$		\$	129,824
MAD	07/18/05	6,174,000	702,893	679,219				23,674
MXN	09/09/05	10,791,942	977,000	988,223		11,223		
PEN	07/27/05	1,609,600	494,000	494,511		511		
PHP	07/13/05	131,303,300	2,383,000	2,345,481				37,519
PHP	11/23/05	46,508,220	849,000	823,512				25,488
PLN	07/25/05	909,070	271,000	271,815		815		•
PLN	07/29/05	2,497,000	742,139	746,477		4,338		
PLN	08/09/05	, ,	,	,		,		