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# CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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Date of reporting period: 12/31/2005

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### Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

### Lazard Asset Management

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

**DECEMBER 31, 2005** 

Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc.

information about the Fund, which may not be detailed in this report.

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Please consider the Fund s investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. For more complete information about the Fund, you may obtain the prospectus by calling 800-828-5548. Read the prospectus carefully before you invest. The prospectus contains investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses and other	

#### **Investment Overview**

### Dear Shareholders,

We are pleased to present the annual report of Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc. ( LGI or the Fund ), for the year ended December 31, 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.

The Fund has now been in operation for over a year and a half and, overall, we are pleased with LGI s performance since inception. We 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 (the Investment Manager or Lazard).

#### Portfolio Update (December 31, 2005)

For the fourth quarter of 2005, the Fund s performance, as measured by the Net Asset Value per share (NAV), rose 2.1%, while the benchmark, the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI®) World® Index gained 3.1%. For the full year, the Fund s NAV increased 3.2%, which compared unfavorably with the Index s annual return of 9.5%. However, since inception, the annualized NAV return of 12.2% is just slightly below the Index return of 12.4%. Shares of LGI ended the fourth quarter with a market price of \$18.56, representing a 12.04% discount to the Fund s NAV of \$21.10. The Fund s net assets were \$202.7 million as of December 31, 2005, with total leveraged assets of \$290.3 million, representing 30.2% leverage.

We believe that LGI s investment thesis remains sound, yet NAV returns for 2005 underperformed the Index. This was in contrast to returns achieved in 2004, which outperformed the Index by a wide margin. Contributing factors throughout 2005 included the strength of the U.S. dollar versus most currencies, which has depressed foreign stock returns in U.S. dollar terms, and the continued outperformance of smaller, more volatile companies, internationally. Furthermore, the smaller, short duration currency and debt portion of the Fund was not a significant contributor to performance in 2005 (in contrast to its very strong performance in 2004).

As of December 31, 2005, 68.2% of the Fund s total leveraged assets consisted of global equities and 31.7% consisted of emerging market currency and debt instruments, while the remaining 0.1% consisted of cash and other net assets.

### **Declaration of Dividends**

Pursuant to LGI s level distribution policy, the Fund s Board of Directors has declared a monthly dividend distribution of \$0.1042 per share on the company s outstanding stock each month since inception. The first dividend was paid on July 23, 2004. This distribution level represents an annualized market yield of 6.7%, based on the share price of \$18.56 at the close of NYSE trading on December 30, 2005. LGI has met all of its distribution obligations without returning any capital to the Fund s stockholders.

### **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, 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 Managers

Global Equity Portfolio (68.2% 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 GlaxoSmithKline, 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

### **Investment Overview (continued)**

imaging telephones; and Total SA, the French-based energy supplier that explores for, produces, refines, transports, and markets oil and natural gas.

Companies held in the global equity portfolio are all based in developed-market regions around the world. As of December 31, 2005, 43.8% of these stocks were based in North America, 29.1% were from continental Europe (not including the U.K.), 20.8% were from the U.K., and 6.3% were from Japan. The global equity portfolio is similarly well diversified across a number of industry sectors. The top two sectors, by weight, at December 31, 2005 were financials (29.6%), which includes banks, insurance companies, and financial services companies, and information technology (16.0%), a sector that encompasses those industries that include the design, development, installation, and implementation information systems and applications, which includes hardware, software, IT services, and media-related companies. Other sectors include consumer discretionary, consumer staples, energy, health care, industrials, and telecommunications services. The average dividend yield on the global equity portfolio was 2.3% as of year-end.

#### Global Equity Market Review

After experiencing weakness in early October, global equity markets rebounded sharply during November and December, ending the fourth quarter with solid gains. The U.S. dollar was strong versus most major currencies in the fourth quarter, continuing the trend that started at the beginning of the year, and depressing returns in U.S. dollar terms. Equity markets rebounded, as the outlook for global economies continued to be positive, and inflation appeared to be under control, despite high energy and raw-materials costs. The world s central banks have responded to strong global growth with rate hikes in an effort to preempt inflation. The U.S. Federal Reserve raised rates twice during the fourth quarter for a total of thirteen rate increases over the last eighteen months. The European Central Bank raised interest rates in December for the first time in many years. While Japan has yet to tighten its monetary policy, continued signs of economic recovery have led to speculation that Japan will end its zero-interest-rate policy fairly soon. Mergers and acquisitions were positive during the quarter and for the year, as the value of announced transactions topped \$2.5 trillion, the biggest year in the last five. Smaller-cap stocks continued to outperform large-cap stocks for the guarter and for the year, on a global basis. However, this long-term trend has waned in the U.S., as large and small caps performed roughly in line. From a sector perspective, industrials, materials, financials, and technology all outperformed for the quarter, as the outlook for global growth looks positive. Conversely, defensive sectors, such as consumer staples, health care, and utilities, lagged the broader market. Energy witnessed negative returns, as the price of oil declined to approximately \$60 from its 2005 peak price of nearly \$72. However, the current price of oil still represents an increase of more than 25% for the year. Telecom services also witnessed negative returns, as the industry has become increasingly competitive, and telecom companies look to retain market share. Regionally, Japan was the top-performing country for the quarter, while Australia, New Zealand, and Hong Kong lagged. The U.S. and most of Europe performed in line with the broader market while the U.K. lagged.

### What Helped and What Hurt LGI

During the fourth quarter, performance for the Fund s global equity portfolio benefited from stock selection in financials, as the portfolio s holdings, with exposure to capital markets, rebounded from earlier weakness. These stocks had been weak earlier in the year, but the Fund s global equity portfolio was rewarded for continuing to hold them. An overweight position in energy detracted from performance, as the sector witnessed negative returns due to a pullback in the price of oil from its August 2005 peak. However, this energy overweight had helped performance previously, and energy stocks still discount oil prices well below current levels. Stock selection in telecom services detracted from performance, as this group has been weak due to an increasingly competitive landscape. However, we believe that the global equity portfolio s holdings in this group have a solid competitive position in various markets and lack exposure to the weakest part of the market, which is fixed-line telephony.

### **Emerging Market Currency and Debt Portfolio (31.7% of total leveraged assets)**

The Fund also seeks enhanced income through investments in high-yielding, short duration<sup>1</sup> (typically, under

#### **Investment Overview (continued)**

one year) emerging market forward currency contracts and local currency debt instruments. As of December 31, this portfolio consisted primarily of forward currency contracts (90.0%), with a smaller allocation to sovereign debt obligations (10.0%). The average duration of the emerging market currency and debt portfolio was approximately 2.8 months as of December 31, with an average yield of 7.6%.

At year end, the Fund s emerging market currency and debt holdings were highly diversified across 25 countries within Eastern Europe (18.5%), Asia (27.7%), Latin America (19.2%), the Middle East (8.9%), Africa (14.1%), and the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic countries (11.6%).

### **Emerging Market Currency and Debt Market Review**

Performance of the emerging market currency and debt portion of the Fund was positive, but somewhat muted in the fourth quarter and during 2005 as a whole. Emerging market central bank policies contained the pace of foreign exchange appreciation via active intervention or the maintenance of easy monetary policies, and this was accompanied by a U.S. dollar rebound and aggressive Fed rate hikes relative to the rest of the world. The global backdrop has been, and continues to be, particularly favorable for emerging markets. The sustained strength of world economic growth has supported commodity prices and export volumes within emerging market countries. This environment has buoyed record cross-border foreign direct investment, privatization activity, and portfolio inflows. However, as of yet, we have not witnessed the expected resulting strengthening of emerging market currencies. What actually occurred was a concerted move by emerging market central banks to absorb these surplus inflows into foreign exchange reserves, thereby limiting and/or preventing the currencies gains that real economic flows would otherwise dictate. Regional monetary policy decisions were biased in favor of supporting growth via the maintenance of undervalued currencies, rather than addressing the inflationary pressures that are brewing. However, looking ahead, we expect that these upward inflationary trends will lead these monetary authorities to transition their bias from maintaining cheap currencies toward willingness to use appreciating currencies to tame or control inflation.

### What Helped and What Hurt LGI

A sizeable position in 2005 s best-performing Brazilian local market generated the strongest gains for the currency and debt portfolio. Brazil s record monthly trade surpluses and current account improvement generated marked appreciation pressure, and the tight monetary policy stance (highest real interest rate in the world) makes a long trade of the real even more compelling. Second best was Turkey, where the local money market, in U.S. dollar terms, rose 18.5%, while active exposure management and curve positioning in local debt afforded additional gains for the Fund. Other contributing factors, albeit on a much smaller scale, were positions in Egypt, the Philippines, Iceland, Colombia, Mexico, and the Euro hedge. These positions helped control volatility too, with lowly correlated markets and/or heavily managed currency regimes tending to weather the generalized U.S. dollar strength relatively well. The Fund had little to no exposure to some of the worst performing local markets, including the Czech Republic, Hungary, Botswana, and South Africa.

Emerging European exposures hurt performance on low domestic yields and currencies that declined with the euro. Positions in Slovakia and Slovenia fared particularly poorly in this regard. Asian currencies were the next largest detractor. Most countries in the region (ex-Malaysia) are sizeable net oil importers and the rising energy prices have caused some deterioration of external balances and have affected investor sentiment (markedly, in the case of Indonesia). Across Asia, loose monetary policies and central banks—demonstrated preference for weaker currencies due to competitiveness and growth concerns has put local currencies on the defensive. A widening interest rate differential in favor of the U.S. dollar also contributed to Asia—s underperformance.

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#### **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.

All returns are for the year ended December 31, 2005 and reflect reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. 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 December 31, 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\*

Average Annual Total Returns\* Periods Ended December 31, 2005

	One Year	Since Inception**
Market Price	2.38%	1.57%
Net Asset Value	3.18	12.21
MSCI World Index	9.49	12.40

<sup>\*</sup> All returns reflect reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The performance quoted represents past performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. 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 December 31, 2005

Security	Value	Percentage of Net Assets
Credit Suisse Group Sponsored ADR	\$ 7,652,690	3.78%
Total SA Sponsored ADR	7,343,840	3.62
Microsoft Corp.	7,337,690	3.62
Exxon Mobil Corp.	7,200,994	3.55
Nokia Oyj Sponsored ADR	7,173,600	3.54
Nomura Holdings, Inc. ADR	6,392,572	3.15
Bank of America Corp.	6,377,930	3.15
Johnson & Johnson	6,268,430	3.09
HSBC Holdings PLC Sponsored ADR	6,139,861	3.03
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	5,909,682	2.92

# Portfolio Holdings Presented by Sector December 31, 2005

Sector	Percentage of Total Investments
Commercial Services	1.5%
Consumer Discretionary	4.2
Consumer Staples	11.6
Emerging Markets Debt Obligations	3.7
Energy	11.4
Financials	23.8
Health Care	6.9
Producer Manufacturing	6.2
Technology	12.9
Telecommunications	1.9
Short-Term Investment	15.9
Total Investments	100.0%

### Portfolio of Investments December 31, 2005

Description	Shares	Value
Common Stocks 97.7% Finland 3.5%		
Nokia Oyj Sponsored ADR (c)	392,000	\$ 7,173,600
France 6.8%		
Societe Generale Sponsored ADR	101,300	2,492,993
Total SA Sponsored ADR (c)	58,100	7,343,840
Vivendi Universal SA Sponsored ADR	124,800	3,922,464
Total France		13,759,297
Germany 3.2%		
Schering AG ADR (d)	31,800	2,127,738
Siemens AG Sponsored ADR (d)	50,600	4,330,854
Total Germany		6,458,592
Italy 2.4%		
Eni SpA Sponsored ADR (c), (d)	35,700	4,978,722
Japan 6.2%		
Canon, Inc. Sponsored ADR (d)	69,000	4,059,270
Kao Corp. Sponsored ADR	7,700	2,063,138
Nomura Holdings, Inc. ADR (d)	332,600	6,392,572
Total Japan		12,514,980
Netherlands 2.6%		
Heineken NV ADR (d)	163,750	5,192,513
Switzerland 9.9%		
Credit Suisse Group Sponsored ADR (d)	150,200	7,652,690
Nestle SA Sponsored ADR (d)	57,400	4,284,910
Novartis AG ADR (d)	39,600	2,078,208
Swiss Re Sponsored ADR (c), (d)	55,200	4,034,568
UBS AG (d)	21,400	2,036,210
Total Switzerland		20,086,586
United Kingdom 20.3%		
Barclays PLC Sponsored ADR (c), (d)	135,300	5,693,424
BP PLC Sponsored ADR (c), (d)	69,600	4,469,712
Cadbury Schweppes PLC Sponsored ADR (c), (d)	112,700	4,315,283
Diageo PLC Sponsored ADR (d)	101,100	5,894,130
GlaxoSmithKline PLC ADR (c)	80,200	4,048,496
HSBC Holdings PLC Sponsored ADR (d)	76,300	6,139,861

Tesco PLC Sponsored ADR Unilever PLC Sponsored ADR Vodafone Group PLC Sponsored ADR	119,000 95,500 219,100	2,031,687 3,831,460 4,704,077
Total United Kingdom		41,128,130

Description	Shares	Value
United States 42.8%		
Bank of America Corp. (c)	•	\$ 6,377,930
Chevron Corp. (c)	73,400	4,166,918
Cisco Systems, Inc. (a)	220,400	3,773,248
Citigroup, Inc. (c)	116,000	5,629,480
Exxon Mobil Corp. (c)	128,200	7,200,994
First Data Corp.	84,300	3,625,743
General Electric Co.	116,300	4,076,315
Golden West Financial Corp. (d)	31,200	2,059,200
Honeywell International, Inc.	55,000	2,048,750
International Business Machines Corp.	42,600	3,501,720
Johnson & Johnson	104,300	6,268,430
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (c)	148,896	5,909,682
Microsoft Corp. (c)	280,600	7,337,690
Oracle Corp. (a), (c)	477,000	5,824,170
Pfizer, Inc.	103,500	2,413,620
The Coca-Cola Co. (c)	74,200	2,991,002
The Home Depot, Inc.	107,600	4,355,648
United Technologies Corp.	88,000	4,920,080
Wells Fargo & Co.	67,000	4,209,610
Total United States		86,690,230
Total Common Stocks		407.000.050
(Identified cost \$179,944,558)		197,982,650
Description	Principal Amount (000) (e)	Value
Foreign Government Obligations 4.5%		
Egypt 3.2%		
Egypt Treasury Bills:	2.250	E00.006
0.00%, 01/03/06 0.00%, 01/17/06	3,350	583,226
	4,150 2,775	720,117
0.00%, 01/31/06 0.00%, 02/07/06	3,775 8,425	652,875 1,454,730
0.00%, 02/21/06	4,575	787,406
0.00%, 03/28/06	2,175	371,233
0.00%, 04/25/06	2,175 2,150	364,568
0.00%, 09/26/06	3,100	507,506
0.00%, 10/17/06	6,800	1,108,025
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Total Egypt		6,549,686

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

# Portfolio of Investments (continued) December 31, 2005

Description	Principal Amount (000) (e)	Value
Turkey 1.3% Turkey Government Bonds: 0.00%, 11/08/06 0.00%, 03/07/07	897 3,231	\$ 592,066 2,045,033
Total Turkey		2,637,099
Total Foreign Government Obligations (Identified cost \$9,081,595)		9,186,785
Description	Shares	Value
Short-Term Investment 19.4% Collateral for Securities on Loan 19.4% State Street Navigator Securities Lending Prime Portfolio, 4.28% (Identified cost \$39,251,299) (f), (g)	39,251,299	\$ 39,251,299
Total Investments 121.6% (Identified cost \$228,277,452) (b) Liabilities in Excess of Cash and Other Assets (21.6)%		\$ 246,420,734 (43,753,393)
Net Assets 100.0%		\$ 202,667,341
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# Portfolio of Investments (continued) December 31, 2005

Forward Currency Contracts open at December 31, 2005:

Forward Currency Purchase Contracts	Expiration Date	Foreign Currency	U.S. \$ Cost on Origination Date	U.S. \$ Current Value	Unrealized Appreciation	Unrealized Depreciation
ARS	01/17/06	1,578,969	\$ 529,500	\$ 518,815	\$	\$ 10,685
ARS	01/30/06	2,668,856	898,000	873,162		24,838
ARS	01/31/06	1,689,000	559,549	552,403		7,146
ARS	02/02/06	3,006,000	1,002,000	982,711		19,289
ARS	02/13/06	1,744,960	574,000	569,089		4,911
ARS	02/21/06	1,541,180	526,000	501,756		24,244
ARS	02/23/06	2,940,745	986,000	956,990		29,010
BRL	01/05/06	106,076	45,468	45,350		118
BRL	01/09/06	8,584,794	3,748,000	3,665,759		82,241
BRL	01/11/06	3,703,622	1,574,000	1,580,511	6,511	
BRL	02/01/06	2,058,910	878,000	873,001		4,999
BRL	02/03/06	242,565	103,000	102,769		231
BRL	03/14/06	1,110,633	478,000	463,902		14,098
BRL	12/20/06	1,672,163	645,000	647,664	2,664	
COP	01/10/06	3,775,054,500	1,659,000	1,650,768		8,232
COP	01/30/06	748,004,000	328,000	326,997		1,003
COP	01/31/06	1,151,826,000	505,852	503,525		2,327
COP	03/02/06	1,038,288,000	446,000	453,457	7,457	
COP	05/12/06	1,119,552,000	476,000	487,466	11,466	
COP	05/18/06	929,880,000	405,000	404,776		224
EGP	02/28/06	5,443,460	908,000	940,742	32,742	
GHC	01/17/06	1,589,870,000	173,000	174,137	1,137	
GHC	02/14/06	1,710,510,000	185,000	186,289	1,289	
GHC	02/28/06	5,742,387,000	621,000	623,495	2,495	
GHC	04/10/06	2,754,280,000	296,000	296,219	219	
HRK	02/28/06	6,284,880	1,015,000	1,005,668		9,332
IDR	01/17/06	22,739,010,000	2,337,000	2,310,875		26,125
IDR	01/19/06	4,386,720,000	444,000	445,805	1,805	
ILS	01/31/06	3,579,000	765,136	777,182	12,046	
ILS	02/21/06	8,133,495	1,771,000	1,765,733		5,267
ILS	09/29/06	2,418,504	528,000	523,831		4,169
INR	01/05/06	154,191,840	3,344,000	3,424,436	80,436	
INR	02/02/06	11,528,880	264,000	255,519		8,481
INR	02/03/06	129,596,000	2,864,000	2,872,144	8,144	
INR	02/14/06	15,100,320	326,000	334,476	8,476	
ISK	01/09/06	26,307,000	404,599	415,323	10,724	
ISK	01/23/06	20,457,304	322,000	322,210	210	
ISK	01/31/06	16,305,975	255,000	256,480	1,480	
ISK	02/28/06	34,033,215	529,000	533,135	4,135	
KRW	01/11/06	1,618,762,000	1,558,000	1,601,556	43,556	
KRW	01/19/06	483,678,000	477,000	478,573	1,573	
KRW	01/31/06	911,947,150	901,000	902,427	1,427	
KRW	02/08/06	484,053,450	479,000	479,054	54	
KRW	02/21/06	101,561,320	98,000	100,531	2,531	

MYR	02/13/06	2,752,775	745,000	729,710	15,290
MYR	02/14/06	2,859,348	760,000	757,995	2,005
PEN	01/26/06	1,611,027	495,000	469,722	25,278
PEN	01/30/06	1,545,384	456,000	450,598	5,402

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# Portfolio of Investments (continued) December 31, 2005

Forward Currency Contracts open at December 31, 2005 (continued):

Forward Currency Purchase Contracts	Expiration Date	Foreign Currency	U.S. \$ Cost on Origination Date	U.S. \$ Current Value	Unrealized Appreciation	Unrealized Depreciation
PEN	01/31/06	2,138,070	\$ 627,000	\$ 623,417	\$	\$ 3,583
PEN	03/06/06	1,595,069	469,000	465,224	*	3,776
PEN	04/12/06	1,705,170	503,000	497,414		5,586
PEN	04/17/06	1,705,170	503,000	497,422		5,578
PHP	02/02/06	130,165,080	2,428,000	2,447,328	19,328	,
PHP	02/23/06	46,610,200	845,000	874,866	29,866	
PLN	01/11/06	16,322,000	5,033,615	5,010,516	,	23,099
RON	01/09/06	2,082,985	689,000	666,568		22,432
RON	01/13/06	7,373,628	2,390,000	2,359,174		30,826
RON	01/17/06	522,751	170,750	167,222		3,528
RON	01/23/06	2,502,000	824,084	800,142		23,942
RON	01/23/06	558,000	182,801	178,449		4,352
RON	01/27/06	2,564,346	829,000	819,930		9,070
RUB	05/24/06	99,755,000	3,526,158	3,457,228		68,930
RUB	06/09/06	15,998,580	559,000	554,280		4,720
RUB	10/06/06	14,598,120	509,000	505,176		3,824
RUB	02/26/07	42,336,000	1,470,000	1,456,181		13,819
RUB	02/26/07	7,284,020	251,000	250,540		460
RUB	09/19/08	21,264,250	725,000	714,376		10,624
SGD	01/11/06	1,320,962	784,000	794,693	10,693	
SGD	01/19/06	2,018,737	1,211,000	1,214,780	3,780	
SGD	01/27/06	1,996,970	1,184,000	1,201,982	17,982	
SGD	02/06/06	1,720,021	1,019,000	1,035,641	16,641	
SGD	02/27/06	1,633,980	964,000	984,586	20,586	
SGD	03/07/06	729,676	434,000	439,816	5,816	
SIT	01/26/06	536,896,250	2,698,649	2,644,555		54,094
SIT	02/21/06	23,024,150	115,000	113,470		1,530
SKK	01/17/06	111,334,062	3,514,000	3,473,007		40,993
SKK	02/15/06	14,283,170	451,000	446,116		4,884
SKK	02/28/06	37,762,031	1,187,000	1,180,128		6,872
THB	01/11/06	51,380,160	1,248,000	1,252,876	4,876	
THB	01/17/06	28,969,325	707,000	706,309		691
THB	02/21/06	1,980,000	48,000	48,245	245	
TRY	01/05/06	959,630	700,000	709,098	9,098	
TRY	01/17/06	1,757,622	1,282,000	1,294,598	12,598	
TRY	01/19/06	4,817,246	3,533,000	3,546,309	13,309	
TWD	01/03/06	82,630,970	2,503,969	2,516,828	12,859	
TWD	01/03/06	82,630,970	2,514,254	2,516,828	2,574	
TWD	01/25/06	31,262,980	939,110	954,705	15,595	
TWD	02/27/06	85,267,520	2,587,000	2,611,894	24,894	
TZS	01/04/06	192,950,000	167,056	165,658		1,398
TZS	02/07/06	229,049,000	197,797	195,568		2,229
TZS	02/09/06	492,574,000	425,355	420,357		4,998
TZS	02/16/06	275,420,000	235,000	234,620		380

TZS	02/23/06	316,752,210	261,000	269,347	8,347	
TZS	03/20/06	394,321,000	333,323	333,182		141
TZS	06/05/06	647,511,000	525,944	537,969	12,025	
TZS	06/22/06	255,046,600	212,000	211,137		863
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.						

# Portfolio of Investments (concluded) December 31, 2005

Forward Currency Contracts open at December 31, 2005 (concluded):

Forward Currency Purchase Contracts	Expiration Date	Foreign Currency	U.S. \$ Cost n Origination Date	U.S. \$ Current Value	Unrealized ppreciation	Jnrealized epreciation
TZS	06/23/06	217,537,000	\$ 180,972	\$ 180,047	\$ _	\$ 925
TZS	07/05/06	134,366,000	111,600	110,912		688
TZS	10/13/06	758,249,000	617,040	611,728		5,312
TZS	10/26/06	447,902,000	364,000	360,291		3,709
TZS	10/26/06	473,088,000	384,000	380,551		3,449
TZS	12/15/06	442,737,000	346,880	352,163	5,283	
UAH	04/10/06	1,711,950	339,000	331,411		7,589
UAH	04/19/06	778,770	153,000	150,469		2,531
UAH	05/12/06	1,435,380	282,000	275,976		6,024
UAH	05/19/06	1,601,149	314,000	307,390		6,610
UAH	06/09/06	1,566,785	309,000	299,454		9,546
UAH	06/09/06	1,438,200	282,000	274,878		7,122
UAH	06/19/06	3,003,840	596,000	572,900		23,100
UAH	08/01/06	2,040,000	404,553	385,663		18,890
UAH	08/07/06	1,063,440	211,000	200,800		10,200
UAH	08/10/06	1,582,990	311,000	298,722		12,278
UAH	09/11/06	2,671,200	 525,000	500,844		 24,156
Total Forward Currency Pur	rchase Contracts		\$ 99,934,014	\$ 99,588,690	\$ 488,972	\$ 834,296

Forward Currency Sale Contracts	Expiration Date	Foreign Currency	U.S. \$ Cost on Origination Date		U.S. \$ Current Value	_	realized preciation	_	ealized eciation
ARS	02/23/06	2,940,745	\$ 998,555	\$	956,990	\$	41,565	\$	
BRL	01/05/06	106,076	46,000	1	45,350		650		
BRL	02/24/06	1,106,770	475,825	,	465,071		10,754		
EUR	02/07/06	2,482,000	2,997,673		2,933,790		63,883		
ILS	01/31/06	4,690,469	1,022,000	1	1,018,538		3,462		
INR	01/05/06	24,483,600	540,000	1	543,754				3,754
INR	01/05/06	129,708,240	2,874,739	)	2,880,681				5,942
INR	02/03/06	16,627,380	366,000	)	368,501				2,501
PLN	01/11/06	1,460,654	454,000	)	448,391		5,609		
TRY	01/05/06	959,630	707,561		709,098				1,537
TRY	01/17/06	1,757,622	1,291,752		1,294,598				2,846
TWD	01/03/06	82,630,970	2,494,143	,	2,516,828				22,685
TWD	01/03/06	82,630,970	2,514,254		2,516,828				2,574
TZS	01/04/06	192,950,000	165,622	!	165,658				36
Total Forward Currency Sa	ale Contracts		\$ 16,948,124	\$	16,864,076		125,923		41,875

Gross unrealized appreciation/depreciation on Forward Currency Contracts	\$ 614,895	\$ 876,171

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# Notes to Portfolio of Investments December 31, 2005

- (a) Non-income producing security.
- (b) For federal income tax purposes, the aggregate cost was \$228,277,452, aggregate gross unrealized appreciation was \$22,313,989, aggregate gross unrealized depreciation was \$4,170,707 and the net unrealized appreciation was \$18,143,282.
- (c) Segregated security for forward currency contracts.
- (d) Security or portion thereof is out on loan.
- (e) Principal amount denominated in respective country s currency.
- (f) Rate shown reflects 7 day yield as of December 31, 2005.
- (g) Represents security purchased with cash collateral received for securities on loan.

### **Security Abbreviation:**

ADR American Depositary Receipt

### **Currency Abbreviations:**

ARS	Argentine Peso	PEN	Peruvian New Sol
BRL	Brazilian Real	PHP	Philippine Peso
COP	Colombian Peso	PLN	Polish Zloty
EGP	Egyptian Pound	RON	Romanian Leu
EUR	Euro	RUB	Russian Ruble
GHC	Ghanaian Cedi	SGD	Singapore Dollar
HRK	Croatian Kuna	SIT	Slovenian Tolar
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	SKK	Slovenska Koruna
ILS	Israeli Shekel	THB	Thai Baht
INR	Indian Rupee	TRY	New Turkish Lira
ISK	Iceland Krona	TWD	New Taiwan Dollar
KRW	South Korean Won	TZS	Tanzanian Shilling
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	UAH	Ukranian Hryvnia

### Portfolio holdings by industry (as percentage of net assets) (unaudited):

### Industry

Alcohol & Tobacco	5.5%
Banking	18.1
Commercial Services	1.8
Computer Software	6.5
Consumer Products	1.0
Drugs	5.3
Energy Integrated	13.9
Financial Services	8.9
Food & Beverages	7.6
Insurance	2.0
Leisure & Entertainment	1.9
Manufacturing	7.6
Medical Products	3.1
Retail	3.1
Semiconductors & Components	2.0
Technology	1.7
Technology Hardware	5.4

Telecommunications	2.3
Subtotal Foreign Government Obligations Collateral for Securities on Loan	97.7 4.5 19.4
Total Investments	121.6%
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.	

### **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

December 31, 2005

ASSETS Investments in securities, at value (cost \$228,277,452) Cash Foreign currency, at value (cost \$421,363) Receivables for: Dividends and interest Income from securities loaned Gross appreciation on forward currency contracts  Total assets	\$	246,420,734 78,736 421,455 331,481 3,573 614,895 247,870,874
LIABILITIES Payables for: Management fees Accrued directors fees Amounts due upon return of securities on loan Line of credit outstanding Gross depreciation on forward currency contracts Other accrued expenses and payables	_	215,641 783 39,251,299 4,675,000 876,171 184,639
Total liabilities		45,203,533
Net assets	\$	202,667,341
NET ASSETS Paid in capital Undistributed net investment income Accumulated undistributed net realized gain Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: Investments Foreign currency and forward currency contracts  Net assets	\$	183,076,027 137,092 1,572,124 18,143,282 (261,184) 202,667,341
Shares of common stock outstanding*  Net assets per share of common stock  Market value per share	\$	9,605,237 21.10 18.56

<sup>\$ 0.001</sup> par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized for the Fund.

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

**Statement of Operations** 

For the year ended December 31, 2005

### **INVESTMENT INCOME**

Income: Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$255,096) Interest Income from securities loaned	\$	4,753,321 678,814 105,450
Total investment income	_	5,537,585
Expenses:  Management fees Professional services Custodian fees Shareholders reports Administration fees Shareholders services Shareholders meeting Directors fees and expenses Other		2,494,734 103,947 92,934 88,102 77,820 42,913 39,666 20,295 70,701
Total gross expenses before interest expense Interest expense		3,031,112 249,220
Total gross expenses Expense reductions	_	3,280,332 (1,390)
Total net expenses	_	3,278,942
Net investment income	_	2,258,643
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY Net realized gain on: Investments (net of foreign capital gains taxes of \$139,822) Foreign currency and forward currency contracts Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on: Investments Foreign currency and forward currency contracts		5,519,815 2,211,027 (972,437) (2,920,342)
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments and foreign currency		3,838,063
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$	6,096,706
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.		

### **Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

	Year Ended December 31, 2005	Period Ended December 31, 2004**
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS		
Operations:  Net investment income  Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency  Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign currency	\$ 2,258,643 7,730,842 (3,892,779)	\$ 1,749,285 7,986,028 21,774,877
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	6,096,706	31,510,190
Distributions to Stockholders: From net investment income	(12,010,388)	(6,005,194)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions	(12,010,388)	(6,005,194)
Capital Stock Transactions: Proceeds from common shares issued in offering Offering costs for common shares charged to paid in capital		183,360,000 (384,000)
Net increase in net assets from capital stock transactions		182,976,000
Total increase (decrease) in net assets Net assets at beginning of period***	(5,913,682) 208,581,023	208,480,996 100,027
Net assets at end of period*	\$ 202,667,341	\$ 208,581,023
Transactions in Capital Shares: Common shares outstanding at beginning of period***	9,605,237	5,237
Common shares issued in offering		9,600,000
Net increase		9,600,000
Common shares outstanding at end of period	9,605,237	9,605,237

<sup>\*</sup> Includes undistributed net investment income of \$137,092 and \$3,425,188, respectively.

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

<sup>\*\*</sup> Fund commenced operations on April 28, 2004.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Represents initial seed capital on April 20, 2004 for the period ended December 31, 2004.

### **Financial Highlights**

Selected data for a share of common stock outstanding throughout each period:

	ear Ended 12/31/05	4/2	the Period 28/04* to 2/31/04
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 21.72	\$	19.06(a)
Income from investment operations: Net investment income Net realized and unrealized gain	 0.23 0.40		0.18 3.11
Total from investment operations	 0.63		3.29
Less distributions from: Net investment income	(1.25)		(0.63)
Total distributions	 (1.25)		(0.63)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 21.10	\$	21.72
Market value, end of period	\$ 18.56	\$	19.37
Total Return based upon: Net asset value (b) Market value (b)	 3.18% 2.38%		17.67% 0.26%
Ratios and Supplemental Data:  Net assets, end of period (in thousands) Ratios to average net assets:  Net expenses (c) Gross expenses (c) Gross expenses excluding interest expense (c) Net investment income (c) Portfolio turnover rate	\$ 202,667 1.63% 1.63% 1.51% 1.12% 18%	\$2	1.57% 1.57% 1.49% 1.40% 7%

<sup>\*</sup> Commencement of operations.

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<sup>(</sup>a) Net of initial sales load, underwriting and offering costs of \$0.94 per share.

Total return based on per share market price assumes the purchase of common shares at the market price on the first day and sales of common shares at the market price on the last day of the period indicated; dividends and distributions are assumed to be reinvested in accordance with the Fund s Dividend Reinvestment Plan. The total return based on net asset value, or NAV, assumes the purchase of common shares at NAV on the first day and sales of common shares at NAV on the last day of the period indicated; distributions are assumed to be reinvested at NAV. 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. Period of less than one year is not annualized.

<sup>(</sup>c) Annualized for period of less than one year.

Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2005

### 1. Organization

Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc. (the Fund ) was incorporated in Maryland on January 27, 2004 and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the Act ), as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund trades on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the ticker symbol LGI and commenced operations on April 28, 2004. The Fund s investment objective is total return, consisting of capital appreciation and income.

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

(a) Valuation of Investments Market values for securities listed on the NYSE, NASDAQ national market or other U.S. exchanges or markets are generally based on the closing market 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. 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. Forward currency contracts are valued at the current cost of the offsetting contract. Securities listed on foreign exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price, except as described below.

If events materially affecting the value of securities occur between the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded and the time when the Fund's net asset value is calculated, such securities will be valued at their fair values as determined in good faith by or under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The effect of using fair value pricing is that the net asset value of the Fund 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.

Securities and other assets for which current market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Directors.

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.

Under these procedures, in the event that the Investment Manager, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC, determines that a significant event has occurred after the close of a market on which a foreign security is traded but before the close of regular trading on the NYSE, such that current market quotations for a security or securities are not readily available, a Valuation Committee of the Investment Manager will evaluate a variety of factors to determine the fair value of the affected securities. 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 will also be considered.

- (b) Portfolio Securities Transactions and Investment Income Portfolio securities transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gain (loss) on sales of investments are recorded on a specific identification basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is accrued daily. The Fund amortizes premiums and accretes discounts on fixed-income securities using the effective yield method.
- (c) Repurchase Agreements In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements, the Fund s custodian takes possession of the underlying collateral securities, the fair value of which at all times is required to be at least equal to the principal amount, plus accrued interest, of the repurchase transaction. If the seller defaults, and the fair value of the collateral declines, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited.
- (d) Securities Lending The Fund may lend portfolio securities to qualified borrowers in order to earn additional income. The terms of the lending agreements require that loans are secured at all times by cash, U.S. Government securities or irrevocable letters of credit in an amount at least equal to 102% of the market value of domestic securities loaned (105% in the case of foreign

securities), plus accrued interest and dividends, determined on a daily basis. Cash collateral received is invested in State Street Navigator Securities Lending Prime Portfolio, a regulated investment company offered by State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street). If the borrower defaults on its obligation to return the securities loaned because of insolvency or other reasons, the Fund could experience delays and costs in recovering the securities loaned or in gaining access to the collateral.

Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc.

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At December 31, 2005, the value of the securities on loan was \$38,397,674 and corresponding cash collateral received was \$39,251,299.

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, cash received as collateral for securities lending transactions which is invested in income producing securities is included in the Portfolio of Investments. The related amount payable upon the return of the securities on loan, where cash is received as collateral, is shown on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(e) Leveraging The Fund intends to use leverage to invest Fund assets in currency investments, primarily using forward currency contracts and by borrowing under a credit facility with State Street, up to a maximum of 33 1/3 % of the Fund s total leveraged assets. If the assets of the Fund decline due to market conditions such that this 33 1/3 % threshold will be exceeded, leverage risk will increase.

If the Fund is able to realize a higher return on the leveraged portion of its investment portfolio than the cost of such leverage together with other related expenses, the effect of the leverage will be to cause the Fund to realize a higher net return than if the Fund were not so leveraged. There is no assurance that any leveraging strategy the Fund employs will be successful.

Using leverage is a speculative investment technique and involves certain risks. These include higher volatility of net asset value, the likelihood of more volatility in the market value of Common Stock and, with respect to borrowings, the possibility either that the Fund s return will fall if the interest rate on any borrowings rises, or that income will fluctuate because the interest rate of borrowings varies.

If the market value of the Fund s portfolio declines, the leverage will result in a greater decrease in net asset value than if the Fund were not leveraged. A greater net asset value decrease also will tend to cause a greater decline in the market price of the Fund s Common Stock. To the extent that the Fund is required or elects to prepay any borrowings, the Fund may need to liquidate investments to fund such prepayments. Liquidation at times of adverse economic conditions may result in capital losses and may reduce returns.

(f) Foreign Currency Translation and Forward Currency Contracts The accounting records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Portfolio securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated daily into U.S. dollars at the prevailing rates of exchange. Purchases and sales of securities, income receipts and expense payments are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rates on the respective transaction dates.

The Fund does not isolate the portion of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in their market prices. Such fluctuations are included in net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments. Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency transactions represents net foreign currency gain (loss) from forward currency contracts, disposition of foreign currencies, currency gain (loss) realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amount of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund s accounting records and the U.S. dollar equivalent amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign currency gain (loss) arises from changes in the value of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities, as a result of changes in exchange rates.

A forward currency contract is an agreement between two parties to buy or sell currency at a set price on a future date. Upon entering into these contracts, risks may arise from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and from unanticipated movements in the value of the foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar.

The U.S. dollar value of forward currency contracts is determined using forward exchange rates provided by quotation services. Daily fluctuations in the value of such contracts are recorded as unrealized gain (loss). When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain (loss) equal to the difference between the value at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed. Such gain (loss) is disclosed in the realized and unrealized gain (loss) on foreign currency in the Fund s accompanying Statement of Operations.

(g) Federal Income Taxes The Fund s policy is to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Sub-chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code and to distribute all of its taxable income, including any net realized capital gains, to stockholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

At December 31, 2005, the Fund had no unused capital loss carryforwards.

Under current tax law, certain capital and net foreign currency losses realized after October 31 within the taxable year may be deferred and treated as occurring on the first day of the following tax year. For the tax year ended December 31, 2005, the Fund had no net capital and cur-

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2005

rency losses arising between November 1, 2005 and December 31, 2005.

(h) Dividends and Distributions The Fund intends to declare and to pay dividends monthly from net investment income. Distributions to stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. During any particular year, net realized gains from investment transactions in excess of available capital loss carryforwards would be taxable to the Fund if not distributed. The Fund intends to declare and distribute these amounts, at least annually, to stockholders; however, to avoid taxation, a second distribution may be required.

Income dividends and capital gains distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These book/tax differences, which may result in distribution reclassifications, are primarily due to differing treatments of foreign currency transactions. Book/tax differences relating to shareholder distributions may result in reclassifications among certain capital accounts.

The Fund has implemented a Level Distribution Policy to seek to maintain a stable monthly distribution, subject to approval and oversight of the Fund s Board of Directors. Under the Fund s Level Distribution Policy, the Fund intends to make regular monthly distributions at a fixed rate per share. If for any monthly distribution, net investment income and net realized short-term capital gain were less than the amount of the distribution, the difference would generally be distributed from the Fund s assets. In addition, in order to make such distributions, the Fund might have to sell a portion of its investment portfolio at a time when independent investment judgment might not dictate such actions.

The tax character of dividends and distributions paid during the years ended December 31 was as follows:

Ordinary	Income	Long-Terr Capital Ga	
2005	2004	2005	2004
\$10,926,802	\$6,005,194	\$1,083,586	\$

At December 31, 2005, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were \$1,572,124 of undistributed long-term capital gain and \$18,019,189 of net unrealized appreciation.

- (i) Expense Reductions When the Fund leaves excess cash in a demand deposit account, it may receive credits which are available to offset custody expenses. The Statement of Operations reports gross custody expenses, and reports the amount of such credits separately as an expense reduction.
- (j) Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires the Fund to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 3. Investment Management Agreement

The Fund has entered into an investment management agreement (the Management Agreement) with the Investment Manager. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager regularly provides the Fund with investment research, advice and supervision and furnishes continuously an investment program for the Fund consistent with its investment objective and policies, including the purchase, retention and disposition of securities.

The Fund has agreed to pay the Investment Manager an annual investment management fee of 0.85% of the Fund s average daily Total Leveraged Assets (the Fund s total assets including Financial Leverage (defined below)) for the services and facilities provided by the Investment Manager, payable on a monthly basis. The fee paid to the Investment Manager will be higher when the Investment Manager uses Currency Commitments and Borrowings (Financial Leverage) to make Currency Investments, rather than by reducing the percentage of Net Assets (the Fund s assets without taking into account Financial Leverage) invested in

Global Equity Investments for the purposes of making Currency Investments. Global Equity Investments refers to investments in the Fund's global equity strategy consisting of equity securities of companies with market capitalizations of \$5 billion or greater domiciled in those countries that comprise the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI®) World® Index. Currency Investments refers to investments in the Fund's emerging income strategy, consisting of emerging market currencies (primarily by entering into forward currency contracts), or instruments whose value is derived from the performance of an underlying emerging market currency, but also may invest in debt obligations, including government, government agency and corporate obligations and structured notes denominated in emerging market currencies. Currency Commitments are the aggregate financial exposures created by forward currency contracts in excess of that represented in the Fund's Net Assets, and Borrowings refers to the borrowings under the Fund's credit facility. Assuming Financial Lever-

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age in the amount of  $33^{1}/_{3}$ % of the Fund s Total Leveraged Assets, the annual fee payable to the Investment Manager would be 1.28% of Net Assets (i.e., not including amounts attributable to Financial Leverage).

The following is an example of this calculation of the Investment Manager s fee, using very simple illustrations. If the Fund had assets of \$1,000, it could invest \$1,000 in Global Equity Investments and enter into \$500 in forward currency contracts (because the Fund would not have to pay money at the time it enters into the currency contracts). Similarly, the Fund could invest \$1,000 in Global Equity Investments, borrow \$500 and invest the \$500 in foreign currency denominated bonds. In either case, the Investment Manager s fee would be calculated based on \$1,500 of assets, because the fee is calculated based on Total Leveraged Assets (Net Assets plus Financial Leverage). In our example, the Financial Leverage is in the form of either the forward currency contracts (Currency Commitments) or investments from Borrowings. The amount of the Financial Leverage outstanding, and therefore the amount of Total Leveraged Assets on which the Investment Manager s fee is based, fluctuates daily based on changes in value of the Fund s portfolio holdings, including changes in value of the currency involved in the forward currency contracts and foreign currency denominated bonds acquired with the proceeds of Borrowings. However, the Investment Manager s fee will be the same regardless of whether Currency Investments are made with Currency Commitments or with Borrowings (without taking into account the cost of Borrowings).

# This method of calculating the Investment Manager is fee is different than the way closed-end investment companies

typically calculate management fees. Traditionally, closed-end investment companies calculate management fees based on Net Assets plus Borrowings (excluding Financial Leverage obtained through Currency Commitments). The Investment Manager's fee is different because the Fund's leverage strategy is different than the leverage strategy employed by many other closed-end investment companies. Although the Fund may employ Borrowings in making Currency Investments, the Fund's leverage strategy relies primarily on Currency Commitments, rather than relying exclusively on borrowing money or/and issuing preferred stock, as is the strategy employed by most closed-end investment companies. The Investment Manager's fee would be lower if its fee were calculated only on Net Assets plus Borrowings, because the Investment Manager would not earn fees on Currency Investments made with Currency Commitments (forward currency contracts). Using the example above, where the Fund has assets of \$1,000 and invests \$1,000 in Global Equity Investments and \$500 in forward currency contracts, the following table illustrates how the Investment Manager's fee would be different if it did not earn management fees on these types of Currency Investments. A discussion of the most recent review and approval by the Fund's Board of Directors of the Management Agreement (including the method of calculating the Investment Manager's fee) is included in the Fund's Semi-Annual Report dated June 30, 2005 under Other Information Board Consideration of Management Agreements.

Beginning assets of \$1,000	Fund s management fee based on Total Leveraged Assets (includes Currency Commitments)	Typical management fee formula, calculated excluding Currency Commitments
Global Equity Investments (Net Assets) Currency Commitments Assets used to calculate management fee Management fee (0.85%)	\$ 1,000 \$ 500 \$ 1,500 \$ 12.75	\$ 1,000 \$ 500 \$ 1,000 \$ 8.50

(a) Investment Manager Fee Conflict Risk The fee paid to the Investment Manager for investment management services will be higher when the Fund uses Financial Leverage, whether through forward currency contracts or Borrowings, because the fee paid will be calculated on the basis of the Fund s assets including this Financial Leverage. Consequently, the Investment Manager may have a financial interest for the Fund to utilize such Financial Leverage, which may create a conflict of interest between the Investment Manager and the stockholders of the Fund.

The Fund has implemented procedures to monitor this potential conflict.

### 4. Administrative Agreement

The Fund has entered into an administrative agreement with State Street to provide certain administrative services. The Fund bears the cost of such services at a fixed annual rate of \$37,500, plus 0.02% of average daily net assets up to \$1 billion and 0.01% of average daily net assets over \$1 billion.

### 5. Directors Compensation

Certain Directors of the Fund are Managing Directors of the Investment Manager. The Fund pays each Director who is not an employee or an affiliated person of the Investment Manager its allocated portion of a fixed fee of \$50,000 per year, plus \$2,500 per meeting attended (\$1,000 per meeting attended by telephone) for the Fund, The Lazard Funds, Inc., Lazard Retirement Series, Inc. and

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Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund, Inc. (collectively, the Lazard Funds ), each a registered management investment company advised by the Investment Manager, and reimburses such Directors for travel and other out of pocket expenses. In addition, the Chairman of the Audit Committees for the Lazard Funds also receives an annual fee of \$5,000.

#### 6. Securities Transactions and Transactions with Affiliates

Purchases and sales of portfolio securities (excluding short-term securities) for the year ended December 31, 2005 were \$37,619,677 and \$40,353,625, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, no brokerage commissions were paid to affiliates of the Investment Manager or other affiliates of the Fund for portfolio transactions executed on behalf of the Fund.

#### 7. Line of Credit

The Fund has a \$40 million Line of Credit Agreement (the Agreement ) with State Street primarily to borrow to invest Fund assets in Currency Investments. The Fund may borrow the lesser of \$40 million or 331/2% of its Total Leveraged Assets. Interest on borrowings is payable at the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50%, on an annualized basis.

Under the Agreement, the Fund has agreed to pay a 0.10% per annum fee on the unused portion of the commitment, payable quarterly in arrears. During the year ended December 31, 2005, the Fund had borrowings under the Agreement as follows:

Average Daily	Maximum Daily	Weighted Average
Loan Balance	Loan Outstanding	Interest Rate
\$7,443,158 <b>8 Foreign Securitie</b>	\$ 13,675,000 s Investment Risks	4.136%

8. Foreign Securities Investment Risks

The Fund invests in securities of foreign entities and instruments denominated in foreign currencies which involve risks not typically involved in domestic investments. Foreign investments carry special risks, such as exposure to currency fluctuations, less developed or less efficient trading markets, political instability, a lack of company information, differing auditing and legal standards and, potentially, less liquidity. The Fund s investments in emerging markets are exposed to additional volatility. The Fund s performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting emerging markets. Emerging market countries generally have economic structures that are less diverse and mature, and political systems that are less stable, than those of developed countries.

### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of Lazard Global Total Return & Income Fund, Inc. (the Fund ) as of December 31, 2005, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for the periods presented and the financial highlights for each of the periods presented. The financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its