

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Rivas, Victor M.
 c/o Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.
 590 Madison Avenue
 New York, NY 10022
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc.
 LTS
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 August 31, 2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 President and Chief Executive Officer
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
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Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	8/20/02	P	3,300	A \$0.2407		D			
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	8/21/02	P	1,900	A \$0.2708		D			
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	8/22/02	P	3,100	A \$0.30	8,300	D			

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned													
1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date	4. Derivative Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative Securities	10. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
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Explanation of Responses:
 CONFIRMING
 STATEMENT

 This Statement confirms that the undersigned has authorized and designated Salvatore Giardina or Joseph Giovanniello Jr. to execute and file on the undersigned's behalf all Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. The authority of Salvatore Giardina and Joseph Giovanniello Jr. under this Statement shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with regard to the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges that Salvatore Giardina and Joseph Giovanniello Jr. are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

/s/ Victor M. Rivas
 Victor M. Rivas
 Dated: August 15, 2002

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /s/ Victor M. Rivas
 DATE
 September 9, 2002