

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Giardina, Salvatore
 c/o Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.
 590 Madison Avenue, 34th Floor
 New York, NY 10022
 USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 October 8, 2002
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc.
 LTS
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other
 (specify below)
 Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned							
1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
	Exercisable Date	Expiration Date					
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	3/19/12	Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	35,000	\$0.60	D	

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Explanation of Responses:
 (1) These shares vest in three equal installments on each of March 19, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
 CONFIRMING STATEMENT

 This Statement confirms that the undersigned has authorized and designated Victor M. Rivas 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 Victor M. Rivas 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 Victor M. Rivas 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/ Salvatore Giardina
 Salvatore Giardina
 Dated: October 8, 2002
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /s/ Salvatore Giardina
 DATE
 October 8, 2002