## FORM 4

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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**OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES** 

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|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1. Name an<br>Person *<br>ZEITCHIO  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or<br>Trading Symbol<br>LADENBURG THALMANN<br>FINANCIAL SERVICES INC<br>[LTS] |  |                                       |  |  | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer     (Check all applicable)  |                        |  |  |   |
| 4400 BIS<br>BOULEV  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>07/26/2007  |  |                                       |  |  |   |                        |  |  |   |
| MIAMI, FI   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)   |  |                                       |  |  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check<br>Applicable Line)     X. Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                        |  |  |   |
| (City)  |  |  |                                       |  |  | cquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially rned  |                        |  |  |   |
| of Da   | Transaction<br>ate<br>Month/Day/Year)  | 2A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date, Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |  |  | Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>(A)<br>or   |                        | (Instr. 3 and  | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. |  |  |                                       |  |  |   |                        |  |  |   |
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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Security<br>(Instr. 3)               | Conversion | Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, | Code | tion<br>) | Derivative<br>Securities | Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4, |             | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |                 | of<br>Derivative<br>Security        | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------|--------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                      |            |                          |                 | Code | ٧         | (A)                      | (D)  | Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |  | (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right<br>to Buy) | \$ 2.3     | 07/26/2007               |                 | Α    |           | 600,000                  |  | Ü           | 07/25/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 600,000                             | \$ 2.3   | 600,000  | I  | Held by<br>MZ<br>Trading<br>LLC, of<br>which the<br>reporting<br>person is<br>the sole<br>managing<br>member |

#### **Reporting Owners**

| Beneding Owner News / Address                  |                                | Relationships |           |                          |       |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting                                      | Reporting Owner Name / Address |               | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |  |  |  |
| ZEITCHIC<br>4400 BISC<br>12TH FLO<br>MIAMI, FL | CAYNE BOULEVARD<br>OR          | Х             |           | Executive Vice President |       |  |  |  |

#### **Signatures**

| /s/ Mark Zeitchick             | 07/27/2007 |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| -Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- $^{\star}$   $\,$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The option will vest in four equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant (1) provided that Mr. Zeitchick is then still an employee or director of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, subject to earlier vesting upon his death or disability or a change of control of the Company.

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