### FORM 4

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Person -                                   | and Address of Re                            | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or<br>Trading Symbol<br>LADENBURG THALMANN<br>FINANCIAL SERVICES INC<br>[LTS] |       |            |   |  | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer     (Check all applicable)     X_Director   |   |                                    |  |   |
|--|--|---|-------|------------|---|--|---|---|------------------------------------|--|---|
|  | (First)<br>ISCAYNE<br>EVARD, 12TH F          | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>07/26/2007                                       |       |            |   |  |   |   |                                    |  |   |
| MIAMI,                                     | (Street)                                     | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |       |            |   |  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)     _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |                                    |  |   |
| (City)                                     | (State)                                      | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ad<br>Own   |       |            |   |  |   | cquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially ned |                                    |  |   |
| 1.Title<br>of<br>Security<br>(Instr.<br>3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)   | 2A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da   | Date, | Code       |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price |   | or<br>(D)<br>nd 5)                        | Transaction(s)<br>(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) |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Security<br>(Instr. 3)               | Conversion             | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, | Code | ion | Derivative Securities Acquired (a or Dispose | <b>A</b> ) | Expiration D        | b. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  7. Iftle and Amour Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 | Securities<br>I 4)                  | of<br>Derivative<br>Security            | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially | Ownership<br>Form of | Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------|-----|--|------------|---------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
|                                      | Derivative<br>Security |                  |                 |      |     | of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5)             |            |                     |   |                 | ,                                   | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)         | (IIISti. 4)          |                         |
|                                      |                        |                  |                 | Code | >   | (A)  |            | Date<br>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                                      |            | (1)                 | 07/25/2017  | Common<br>Stock | 600,000                             | \$ 2.3                                  | 600,000                                  | D                    |                         |

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#### **Reporting Owners**

| Penanting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                   |       |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |  |  |  |  |
| LAMPEN RICHARD<br>4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD<br>12TH FLOOR<br>MIAMI, FL 33137 | Х             |           | President and CEO |       |  |  |  |  |

#### **Signatures**

| /s/ Richard J. Lampen          | 07/27/2007 |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| -Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- $^{\star}$   $\,$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person,  $\it see$  Instruction 4(b)(v).
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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. Lampen 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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