

# 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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person FROST PHILLIP MD ET AL		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [LTS]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD,		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2009		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(Street) MIAMI, FL 33137		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(City) (State) (Zip)		<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>			

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/22/2009		P		26,000	A	\$ 0.62	9,473,399	I	Frost Gamma Investments Trust (1)
Common Stock								43,013,431	I	Frost Nevada Investments Trust (2)

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)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FROST PHILLIP MD ET AL 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD	X	X		

MIAMI, FL 33137				
Frost Gamma Investments Trust 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD 15TH FLOOR MIAMI, FL 33137		X		
Frost Nevada Investments Trust 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD 15TH FLOOR MIAMI, FL 33137		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.		12/22/2009
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>
FROST GAMMA INVESTMENTS TRUST by: /s/ Phillip Frost, MD, Trustee		12/22/2009
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>
FROST NEVADA INVESTMENTS TRUST by: /s/ Phillip Frost, MD, Trustee		12/22/2009
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

These securities are held by Frost Gamma Investments Trust, of which the Reporting Person is the trustee and Frost Gamma, L.P. is the sole and exclusive beneficiary. The Reporting Person is one of two limited partners of

(1) Frost Gamma, L.P. The general partner of Frost Gamma, L.P. is Frost Gamma, Inc., and the sole shareholder of Frost Gamma, Inc. is Frost-Nevada Corporation. The Reporting Person is also the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation.

These securities are held by Frost Nevada Investments Trust, of which the Reporting Person is the trustee and Frost-Nevada, L.P. is the sole and exclusive beneficiary. The Reporting Person is one of five limited partners of Frost-Nevada, L.P. and the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation, the sole general partner of Frost-Nevada, L.P.

### Remarks:

Exhibit 99--Joint Filer Information

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JOINT FILER INFORMATION

NAME: Frost Gamma Investments Trust  
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Designated Filer: Phillip Frost, M.D.

Issuer and Ticker Symbol: Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. (LTS)

Date of Event Requiring  
Statement: December 22, 2009

FROST GAMMA INVESTMENTS TRUST

By:/s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.  
Phillip Frost, M.D., Trustee

NAME: Frost Nevada Investments Trust  
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Designated Filer: Phillip Frost, M.D.

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