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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

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Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility
Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Simkin Jacqueline M	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/19/2011	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [LTS]
(Last) (First) (Middle) 801 BRICKELL AVE, SUITE 2350		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)
(Street) MIAMI, FL 33131		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned	

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	614,930	I	Held by The Jacqueline Simkin Revocable Trust as Amended & Restated 12/16/03 (1)
Common Stock	724,000	I	Held by The LTS Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dtd 04/08/10 (2)
Common Stock	211,000	I	Held by The Jacqueline Simkin Charitable Remainder Unitrust dtd 09/06/2002 (3)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Simkin Jacqueline M 801 BRICKELL AVE, SUITE 2350 MIAMI, FL 33131	X			

Signatures

/s/ Jacqueline M. Simkin		09/20/2011
<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 5(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).

(1) The reporting person is the trustee of the above-listed trust.

The reporting person is a trustee of the above-listed trust and disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent (2) of her pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

The reporting person is a co-trustee of the above-listed trust and disclaims beneficial ownership except to the (3) extent of her pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

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