

# 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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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person<br>Simkin Jacqueline M |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [LTS] |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>801 BRICKELL AVE, SUITE 2350        |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>01/04/2012                                 |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |
| (Street)<br>MIAMI, FL 33131                                    |  | 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                    | 01/04/2012                           |  | P                              |   | 5,000   | A          | \$ 2.45   | 685,640  | I   | Held by The Jacqueline Simkin Revocable Trust as Amended & Restated 12/16/03 <a href="#">(1)</a> |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |   | 724,000  | I   | Held by The LTS Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dtd 04/08/10 <a href="#">(2)</a>                  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |   | 211,000  | I   | Held by The Jacqueline Simkin Charitable Remainder Unitrust dtd 09/06/2002 <a href="#">(3)</a>   |

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

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| /s/ Jacqueline M. Simkin      | 01/04/2012 |
| Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |

## 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).
- (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 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.
- (2) The reporting person is a co-trustee of the above-listed trust and disclaims beneficial ownership except to the 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.
- (3) The reporting person is a co-trustee of the above-listed trust and disclaims beneficial ownership except to the 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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