## FORM 4

#### **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE** COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### Section 16. Form 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person - ZEITCHICK MARK                      |                               |                        |       | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>LADENBURG THALMANN<br>FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [LTS] |           |           |                                               |                                    |                                         | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  _X_ Director                                                                 |                                                                |                                      |                                                                    | to                                   |                                                                                |                                                                                  |                                                                    |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>4400 BISCAYNE<br>BOULEVARD, 12TH FLOOR          |                               |                        |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>10/10/2012                                           |           |           |                                               |                                    | below) below)  Executive Vice President |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                |                                      |                                                                    |                                      |                                                                                |                                                                                  |                                                                    |
| (Street) MIAMI, FL 33137                                                   |                               |                        |       | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                                        |           |           |                                               |                                    |                                         | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check<br>Applicable Line)<br>X. Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                                                |                                      |                                                                    |                                      |                                                                                |                                                                                  |                                                                    |
| (City)                                                                     | (State)                       |                        | (Zip) | Table                                                                                                       | I - Non-D | eriv      | ative Se                                      | curit                              | ies A                                   | cquired, Dispos                                                                                                                                        |                                                                |                                      |                                                                    |                                      |                                                                                |                                                                                  |                                                                    |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                       | 2. Transa<br>Date<br>(Month/D | action<br>Day/Year)    | any   | med<br>n Date, if<br>Day/Year)                                                                              | Code      |           | 4. Secur<br>Acquired<br>Dispose<br>(Instr. 3, | d (A)<br>d of<br>4 an<br>(A)<br>or | or<br>(D)<br>d 5)                       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                                     | 6.<br>Owner<br>Form:<br>Direct<br>or India<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4 | rship Ir<br>(D) C<br>rect (I         | '. Nature<br>ndirect<br>Beneficia<br>Ownershi<br>Instr. 4)         | ı                                    |                                                                                |                                                                                  |                                                                    |
| Common<br>Stock                                                            | 10/10/2                       | 012                    |       |                                                                                                             | Р         |           | 10,000                                        | Α                                  | \$<br>1.25                              | 2,111,336                                                                                                                                              | I                                                              | N<br>T<br>L<br>v<br>Z<br>is          | Held by MZ Trading LC, of which M Zeitchick the cole nanagirnember | k<br>ng                              |                                                                                |                                                                                  |                                                                    |
|                                                                            | Report on a<br>y owned dire   |                        |       | ach class                                                                                                   | of secur  |           |                                               | who                                | esno                                    | nd to the collec                                                                                                                                       | tion of                                                        |                                      | SEC 14                                                             | 74                                   |                                                                                |                                                                                  |                                                                    |
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|                                                                            | т                             |                        |       |                                                                                                             |           |           |                                               |                                    |                                         | eneficially Own                                                                                                                                        | ed                                                             |                                      |                                                                    |                                      |                                                                                |                                                                                  |                                                                    |
| 1. Title of Derivative Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security |                               | 3. Transaction<br>Date |       |                                                                                                             |           | 4.<br>Tra | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code                     |                                    |                                         | 6. Date Exerc<br>and Expiration<br>(Month/Day/Y                                                                                                        | n Date                                                         | Amou<br>Unde<br>Secu<br>(Instr<br>4) | erlying<br>rities<br>. 3 and                                       | Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|                                                                            |                               |                        |       |                                                                                                             |           | C         | Code V                                        | (A)                                | ) (D)                                   | Exercisable [                                                                                                                                          | Expiration<br>Date                                             | Title                                | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                             |                                      |                                                                                |                                                                                  |                                                                    |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Barrantina Orman Nama / Addina                                             | Relationships |           |                          |       |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |  |  |  |
| ZEITCHICK MARK<br>4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD<br>12TH FLOOR<br>MIAMI, FL 33137 | X             |           | Executive Vice President |       |  |  |  |

#### **Signatures**

| /s/ Mark Zeitchick             | 10/10/2012 |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| -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).
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