

FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Simkin Jacqueline M | | | 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 type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2015 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| 801 BRICKELL AVE, SUITE 2350 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| (Street) MIAMI, FL 33131 | | | (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 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 | 05/11/2015 | | P | | 15,000 | A | \$ 3,3893 (1) | 1,463,943 | I | Held by The Jacqueline Simkin Revocable Trust as Amended & Restated 12/16/03 (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 325,500 | I | Held by The LTS #2 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust dtd 11/18/11 (3) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 181,000 | I | Held by The Jacqueline Simkin Charitable Remainder Unitrust dtd 09/06/2002 (4) |
| 8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock | | | | | | | | 8,000 (5) | I | Held by The Jacqueline Simkin Revocable Trust as Amended & Restated 12/16/03 (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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security | 9. Number of Derivative Securities | 10. Ownership Form of | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|---|--|----------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
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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

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| /s/ Jacqueline M. Simkin | | 05/12/2015 |
| <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).

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The price reported represents the weighted average price per share. These securities were purchased in multiple open market transactions at prices ranging from \$3.36 to (1) \$3.41. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide the staff of the SEC, the issuer, or a shareholder of the issuer, upon request, the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range listed above.

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

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) The 8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock is convertible into common stock at a non-fixed conversion rate in connection with a change of control as described in the issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2013.

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