

# FORM 4

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

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|--|-----------------|----------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><b>ZEITCHICK MARK</b> |                 |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [LTS]</b> |  |  | 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><b>Executive Vice President</b> |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First)         | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>06/29/2016</b>                                 |  |  | 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  |  |  |
| 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, 12TH FLOOR                                |                 |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)   | MIAMI, FL 33137 |          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (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   | 06/29/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 600,000   | A          | \$ 0.88 | 3,457,974   | I  | Held by MZ Trading LLC, of which Mr. Zeitchick is the sole managing member |
| Common Stock   | 06/29/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 386,058   | D          | \$ 2.3  | 3,071,916   | I  | Held by MZ Trading LLC, of which Mr. Zeitchick is the sole managing member |
| 8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 4,000 (1)   | I  | Held by MZ Trading LLC, of which Mr. Zeitchick is the sole managing member |

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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                 |   |                            |  |  |  | Held by MZ Trading LLC, of                             |

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|-----------------------------|---------|------------|--|---|--|---------|-----|------------|--------------|---------|------|---|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 0.88 | 06/29/2016 |  | M |  | 600,000 | (2) | 07/17/2016 | Common Stock | 600,000 | \$ 0 | 0 | I | which Mr. Zeitchick is the sole managing member |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|--|---|--|---------|-----|------------|--------------|---------|------|---|---|---|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | 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            | 07/01/2016 |
| 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 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.

(2) The options were granted on July 18, 2006 and vested in four equal annual installments beginning on July 18, 2007.

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