## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	es)														
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)  _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 801 BRICKELL AVE, SUITE 2350				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2017												
(Street) MIAMI, FL 33131				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person  _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City) (State) (Zip)				Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu							uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
(Instr. 3) Date		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		Code (Instr. 8)		(A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of	Beneficial Reported	Amount of Securities eneficially Owned Following eported Transaction(s) nstr. 3 and 4)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Bene: Owne	ficial ership	
						Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price				(I) (Instr. 4)	(IIISti	. 1)
Common	Stock		12/22/2017			G	V	18,521	D	\$ 0	1,823,46	8		I	Simle Revo Trus Ame	ueline kin ocable t as ended estated
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Security	Conversion	3. Transaction Date Execution Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		4.		5. Number 6. of ar		and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. An Un Sec	Title and nount of derlying curities str. 3 and Str. 2 and Str. 3		Derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported	ve Owr ss Formally Deri Secu ag Dire d or Intion(s) (I)	nership n of vative urity: ct (D) direct	11. Natur of Indirec Beneficia Ownersh (Instr. 4)
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					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number		
	Co	ode V	(A)	(D)				of Shares		

### **Reporting Owners**

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

### **Signatures**

/s/ Jacqueline M. Simkin	12/22/2017
**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.
- (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 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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