

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ZEITCHICK MARK		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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Executive Vice President	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, 12TH FLOOR		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2017			
(Street) MIAMI, FL 33137		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		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	
(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	12/28/2017		G ⁽¹⁾	V	5,847	D	\$ 0	1,180,447 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2017		G ⁽¹⁾	V	19,000	D	\$ 0	598,125 ⁽³⁾	I	Held by the Mark Zeitchick 2016 Revocable Trust ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock								1,514,211 ⁽⁵⁾	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 ⁽⁶⁾	I	Held by the Mark Zeitchick 2016 Revocable Trust ⁽⁴⁾

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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZEITCHICK MARK 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD 12TH FLOOR MIAMI, FL 33137	X		Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Mark Zeitchick		12/29/2017
<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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Transfer of shares as a charitable donation.
- (2) Includes the transfer of 1,186,294 shares from MZ Trading LLC.
- (3) Includes the transfer of 617,125 shares from MZ Trading LLC.
- (4) The reporting person is the trustee of the above-listed trust.
- (5) Includes the transfer of (i) 1,186,294 shares from MZ Trading LLC to the reporting person and (ii) 617,125 shares from MZ Trading LLC to the Mark Zeitchick 2016 Revocable Trust.
- (6) Includes the transfer of 4,000 shares from MZ Trading LLC. 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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