FORM 4

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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 * 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) _X_ Director						
4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, 12TH FLOOR				Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2018 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Executive Vice President						
									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						ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Da		nsaction h/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		(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	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
						Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	:			(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 01/12/20		2/2018		A		325,000 (1)	A	\$ 0	887,500	(2)		D			
Common Stock 01/13/2		3/2018		F		27,453	D	\$ 3.21	860,047			D			
Common Stock 01/14/2018				F		24,957	D	\$ 3.21	835,090			D			
Common Stock									1,216,07	72 (3)		I	Held by the Mark D. Zeitchick 2016 Revocable Trust (4)		
Common Stock									1,514,21	.1		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 (5)	1		I	Held by the Mark D. Zeitchick 2016 Revocable Trust (4)		
Reminder: indirectly.	Report on a	separate line f	or each	class of secu	rities beneficially o		Pers	ons who	•			ection of inf			SEC 1474 (9- 02)
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion	3. Transactio Date (Month/Day/	Year)	any	4. Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	and i	Expiration	Date	An Un Sec	Fitle and nount of derlying curities str. 3 and	(Instr. 5)		Owner Form of Deriva Securi Direct or Indi	Definitive Ownersh (Instr. 4) (D) rect

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Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Mark Zeitchick	01/17/2018
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).
- Restricted shares of common stock issued pursuant to the issuer's Amended and Restated 2009 Incentive Compensation Plan. Restricted shares vest in four equal annual (1) installments commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant provided Mr. Zeitchick is then still an employee or director of the issuer, subject to earlier vesting upon his death or disability or a change of control of the issuer.
- (2) Includes the transfer of 617,947 shares previously held directly by the reporting person to the Mark D. Zeitchick 2016 Revocable Trust.
- (3) Includes the transfer of 617,947 shares previously held directly by the reporting person.
- (4) The reporting person is the trustee of the above-listed trust.
- (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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