

# 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 *<br>LAMPEN RICHARD    |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. [LTS] |  | 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>President and CEO</b> |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, 12TH FLOOR |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/28/2018                                  |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>MIAMI, FL 33137                                    |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  | 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   |  |
| (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)        |   |  |   |
| Common Stock   | 03/28/2018                           |  | P                              |   | 20,000  | A \$ 3,248.91 (1) | 2,290,059   | D  |   |
| Common Stock   |                                      |  |                                |   |   |                   | 63,333  | I  | By wife (2)   |
| 8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock |                                      |  |                                |   |   |                   | 4,200 (3)   | I  | By wife (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 (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 |   |  |  |  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| LAMPEN RICHARD<br>4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD<br>12TH FLOOR<br>MIAMI, FL 33137 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

|                                 |  |            |
|---------------------------------|--|------------|
| /s/ Richard J. Lampen           |  | 03/29/2018 |
| **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).

The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$3.235 to \$3.270, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.

(1) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(2) 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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