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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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|--|---|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person* LAMPEN RICHARD | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. [LTS] | | | | | | | IAL | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) CEO, President & Chairman | | | | |
| 4400 BIS | * | BOULEVARD, | | 3. Date 05/17/ | | | Γransacti | on (M | /Ionth/ | Day/Year) | | | | CEO, Pre | sident & Ch | airman | |
| (Street) MIAMI, FL 33137 | | | | 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 Acqui | | | | | | | es Acquire | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | (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) | | | Ownership Form: | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | (Months 20 | | | Coc | le | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | l Ì | , | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common | Stock | | 05/17/2019 | | | | M | | (| 500,000 | A | \$ 0.9 | 3,608,671 | 71 | | D | |
| Common | Stock | | 05/17/2019 | | | | F.(1 |) | 3 | 333,755 | D | \$ 3.39 3 | 3,274,916 | | | D | |
| Common | Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 33,333 | | | I | By wife |
| 8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 1,200 (3) | | | I | By wife | |
| Reminder: | Report on a s | separate line for each | | - Deriva | ative S | Securi | ties Acq | P ir a uired | ersor this curre | form are ently validosed of, o | not re d OME r Bene | equired to B control ficially O | | | | | C 1474 (9-02) |
| | Conversion Date E or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) ar | | | 4. 5. No Transaction Derir Code Secu (Instr. 8) Acqu or D (D) (Inst | | 5. Nun Deriva Securit Acquit or Disp (D) | Number of frivative furities (quired (A) Disposed of str. 3, 4, | | 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) | Owner Form of Deriva Securit Direct or Indi | Beneficia Ownershi y: (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | V (| (A) | (D) | Date Exer | | Expirati Date | on | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. | 4) |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 0.9 | 05/17/2019 | | M | | 60 | 00,000 | | (4) | 01/14/ | 2020 | Commo Stock | 600,000 | \$ 0 | 0 | D | |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

| /s/ Richard J. Lampen | 05/17/2019 |
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| 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) Represents shares withheld to cover the exercise price of the options exercised and tax withholding obligations.
- (2) 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.
- (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.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments commencing on January 14, 2011.

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