

JOSEPHS ROBIN  
Form 4  
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**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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JOSEPHS ROBIN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [SFI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1861 NORTH ORCHARD STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/27/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

CHICAGO, IL 60614  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Code	V	(A)				
Common Stock Equivalents	\$ 0	05/27/2009	A		37,736 (1)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	37,736

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOSEPHS ROBIN 1861 NORTH ORCHARD STREET CHICAGO, IL 60614			X	

## Signatures

s/ Robin Josephs                      08/04/2009

\_\_Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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 Reporting Person has been awarded 37,736 Common Stock Equivalents ("CSEs") under the iStar Financial Inc. Non-Employee Directors' Deferral Plan ("Plan"). These CSEs will vest on the date of the 2010 annual meeting of shareholders, subject to the provisions of the Plan.
- (1) On the relevant distribution date, vested CSEs will be settled by the transfer of shares of iStar common stock to the participant, unless a participant elects to receive some or all of a distribution of his or her CSEs in cash, based upon the fair market value of iStar common stock on the date of the distribution. The "regular distribution date" for distributions to participants is the earlier of: (1) January 1 on or next following the earlier of (i) the date the participant ceases to be a non-employee director; and (ii) the date of the participant's death; and (2) a change of control (as defined in the Plan). A participant, under certain limited circumstances, is permitted to elect to receive distributions at times other than the regular distribution date.
  - (2) The Reporting Person also holds 5,071 CSEs previously awarded under the Plan, which are vested.

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