

STILWELL JOSEPH
Form 4
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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 *
STILWELL JOSEPH

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
KINGSWAY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [KFS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/27/2017

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

NEW YORK, NY 10006

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/27/2017 | | P | 2,500 (1) A \$ 4.95 | 3,938,323 (2) | D | |

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)

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| 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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STILWELL JOSEPH 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006 | X | X | | |

Signatures

Pilar Torres by Power of Attorney
 12/28/2017
 **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) This Form 4 reports an acquisition on December 27, 2017, by the following entities: (a) Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P. (SAF) of 550 shares of KFS common stock at \$4.95 USD per share, and (b) Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P. (SAI) of 1,950 shares of KFS common stock at \$4.95 USD per share.

After giving effect to the transactions reported herein, the shares of KFS common stock reported under Column 5 of Table I above are held directly by the following persons or entities: Joseph Stilwell (162,500 shares); Stilwell Associates, L.P. (Associates) (903,066 shares); SAI (2,556,600 shares); and (SAF) (316,157 shares). Of the total shares of KFS common stock reported under Column 5 of Table I above, 3,775,823 shares are beneficially owned indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Stilwell Value LLC, which is the general partner of SAI, Associates and SAF. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. The address of SAI, Associates and SAF is the same as the address reported in Item 1 of this Form 4.

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