

ZEITCHICK MARK  
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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 \*  
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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4400 BISCAYNE  
BOULEVARD, 12TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/04/2012

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

(Street)  
MIAMI, FL 33137

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/04/2012		M		250,000	A	\$ 0.88	2,155,400	I	Held by MZ Trading LLC, of which Mr. Zeitchick is the sole managing member
Common Stock	01/04/2012		F <sup>(1)</sup>		90,164	D	\$ 2.44	2,065,236	I	Held by MZ

Trading  
LLC, of  
which Mr.  
Zeitchick  
is the sole  
managing  
member

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.88	01/04/2012		M	250,000	01/10/2005 01/10/2012	Common Stock	250,000	

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Mark  
Zeitchick

01/05/2012

\_\_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 a transfer of 90,164 shares of common stock from the Reporting Person to the Issuer in payment of the option exercise price.

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