

LADENBURG THALMANN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
Form 8-K  
September 19, 2011

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

September 14, 2011

Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida

001-15799

650701248

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4400 Biscayne Blvd., 12th Floor, Miami,  
Florida

33137

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(212) 409-2000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On September 14, 2011, Robert J. Eide, a director of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. (the "Company"), resigned as a director of the Company. Mr. Eide's resignation was not a result of any disagreement with the Company or its executive officers, or any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

(d) Effective September 19, 2011, upon the recommendation of the Company's Nominating Committee, the Company's board of directors appointed Jacqueline Simkin to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Eide and to serve until her successor is duly elected and qualified. The Company's board has appointed Ms. Simkin to the Company's Audit, Compensation and Nominating Committees. There were no arrangements or understandings pursuant to which Ms. Simkin was appointed as a director, and there are no related party transactions between the Company and Ms. Simkin reportable under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Ms. Simkin, 68, has been the owner and president of Simkin Management Inc., a company which manages investments since 1996. Ms. Simkin has served as a director of Continucare Corporation, a provider of primary care physician services, since September 2008. She was a member of the boards of Alpnet Inc. and Thompson Nutritional Technology Inc. from 1998 through 2000. From 1987 to 1995, Ms. Simkin served on the Board of Directors of the Intercontinental Bank. Ms. Simkin served in various management capacities at The Denver Brick Company including serving as the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer from 1999 through 2001. Ms. Simkin developed real estate from 1976 to 1986 and is a retired member of the British Columbia Bar Association.

Ms. Simkin's pertinent experience, qualifications, attributes and skills include her managerial experience, financial literacy and the knowledge and experience she has attained through her service as a director of publicly-traded corporations.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc.

*September 19, 2011*

By: */s/ Brett H. Kaufman*

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*Name: Brett H. Kaufman*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*