

FROST PHILLIP MD ET AL  
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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 \*  
FROST PHILLIP MD ET AL

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/22/2012

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

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 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	05/22/2012		P		400	A	\$ 1.4613	10,964,099	I	Frost Gamma Investments Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/22/2012		P		3,100	A	\$ 1.4703	10,967,199	I	Frost Gamma Investments Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/22/2012		P		6,500	A	\$ 1.48	10,973,699	I	Frost Gamma Investments Trust <sup>(1)</sup>

Common Stock	43,013,431 I	Frost Nevada Investments Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FROST PHILLIP MD ET AL 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD MIAMI, FL 33137	X	X		
Frost Gamma Investments Trust 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD MIAMI, FL 33137		X		
Frost Nevada Investments Trust 4400 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD MIAMI, FL 33137		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Phillip Frost, M.D. 05/22/2012

        \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

05/22/2012

/s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.,  
Trustee

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Phillip Frost, M.D.,  
Trustee

05/22/2012

\_\_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) These securities are held by Frost Gamma Investments Trust, of which the Reporting Person is the trustee and Frost Gamma, L.P. is the sole and exclusive beneficiary. The Reporting Person is one of two limited partners of Frost Gamma, L.P. The general partner of Frost Gamma, L.P. is Frost Gamma, Inc., and the sole shareholder of Frost Gamma, Inc. is Frost-Nevada Corporation. The Reporting Person is also the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation.

(2) These securities are held by Frost Nevada Investments Trust, of which the Reporting Person is the trustee and Frost-Nevada, L.P. is the sole and exclusive beneficiary. The Reporting Person is one of five limited partners of Frost-Nevada, L.P. and the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation, the sole general partner of Frost-Nevada, L.P.

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