

SUGARMAN JAY
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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 *
SUGARMAN JAY

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 39TH FLOOR
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/02/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 03/02/2012 | | A | V 806,518 (1) | A \$ 0 3,046,611 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2012 | | F | V 399,839 (1) | D \$ 0 3,046,611 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 44,544 (1) | I | By spouse |
| Restricted Stock Units | | | | | 3,237,037 (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)

| 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

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NEW YORK, NY 10036

X Chairman and CEO

Signatures

s/ Jay Sugarman 03/12/2012

**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).
Effective March 2, 2012, the Reporting Person, Mr. Jay Sugarman, acquired 806,518 shares of iStar common stock upon the vesting of performance-based Restricted Stock Units (Units) pursuant to an award dated March 2, 2010, following satisfaction of performance and service conditions. After deducting 399,839 shares for applicable tax withholding, the Reporting Person acquired a net amount of 406,679 shares of iStar common stock. Following the transactions reported in this Form 4, the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of a total of 3,091,155 shares of iStar common stock, including 3,046,611 shares owned directly and 44,544 shares owned indirectly by his spouse.
- (2) The Reporting Person is also the owner of 3,237,037 Units representing the right to receive an equivalent number of shares of iStar common stock (net of shares deducted for taxes and other withholdings) if and when the Units vest.

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