

MATIS NINA  
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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 \*  
MATIS NINA

(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)  
02/15/2013

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)  
Chief Legal Officer & CIO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/15/2013		A		18,571 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0 250,398 <sup>(3)</sup> D
Common Stock	02/15/2013		F		10,366 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 0 250,398 <sup>(3)</sup> D
Restricted Stock Units	02/15/2013		A		90,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0 278,519 <sup>(3)</sup> 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 Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MATIS NINA 1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 39TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036			Chief Legal Officer & CIO	

## Signatures

s/ Nina B Matis                      02/20/2013  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Effective February 15, 2013, the Reporting Person, Ms. Nina Matis, has been granted 18,571 shares of iStar Financial Inc. common stock ("Shares") in connection with an annual incentive award. After deducting 10,366 Shares for applicable tax withholding, the Reporting Person acquired a net amount of 8,205 Shares. The Shares are fully vested and are subject to transfer restrictions which provide that one-half of the Shares may not be sold for one year and one-half of the Shares may not be sold for two years from the date of the award.
- (2) The Reporting Person has been granted long-term incentive equity awards in the total amount of 90,000 Restricted Stock Units (Units), consisting of time-based (service condition) awards and performance-based (market condition) awards. The Units represent the right to receive an equivalent number of shares of iStar common stock (net of shares deducted for applicable taxes and other withholdings) if and when the Units vest. Subject to the terms of the agreements, 27,000 Units will cliff vest on February 1, 2016 if certain service conditions have been satisfied; 21,000 Units will vest on December 31, 2013 if certain performance and service conditions have been achieved; and 42,000 Units will vest on December 31, 2014 if certain performance and service conditions have been achieved.

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- (3) Following these transactions, the Reporting Person is the direct beneficial owner of 250398 shares of iStar common stock and also owns a total of 278,519 Units, representing the right to receive an equivalent number of shares of iStar common stock (net of shares deducted for applicable taxes and other withholdings) if and when the Units vest.

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