

STERNLICHT BARRY S
Form SC 13D/A
June 18, 2002

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A
(RULE 13D-101)

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AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-2(A)

SCHEDULE 13D/A

UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(AMENDMENT NO. 15) *

ISTAR FINANCIAL INC.
(Name of Issuer)
COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001
(Title of Class of Securities)

85569R 104
(CUSIP Number)

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MAY 31, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS/I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS
(ENTITIES ONLY)
SOFI-IV SMT Holdings, L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(See Instructions) (a) [X]
(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)
N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT
TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) []

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF 23,585,538 (See Item 5)
SHARES

8 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY 0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY EACH 23,585,538 (See Item 5)
REPORTING PERSON

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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WITH

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

23,585,538 (See Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

26.6% (See Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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(ENTITIES ONLY)

Starwood Opportunity Fund IV, L.P.

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(See Instructions)

(a) [X]

(b) []

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

N/A

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TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

[]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF

0

SHARES

8 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY

23,585,538 (See Item 5)

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY EACH

0

REPORTING

PERSON

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

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26.6% (See Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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SOFI-IV Management, L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) [X]
(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

[]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Connecticut

7 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF

0

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

23,585,538 (See Item 5)

OWNED BY EACH

REPORTING

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

PERSON

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

23,585,538 (See Item 5)

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

23,585,538 (See Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) []

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

26.6% (See Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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Starwood Capital Group, L.L.C.

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(a) [X]

(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) []

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Connecticut

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		8,000
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		23,585,538 (See Item 5)
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		8,000
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		23,585,538 (See Item 5)

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

23,585,538 (See Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) []

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

26.6% (See Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS/I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS
(ENTITIES ONLY)

Barry S. Sternlicht

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(See Instructions)

(a) [X]

(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

OO,PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT
TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) []

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

7 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF

1,376,887

SHARES

8 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY

23,585,538 (See Item 5)

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY EACH

1,376,887

REPORTING

PERSON

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

23,585,538 (See Item 5)

WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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24,970,425 (See Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) []

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

28.2% (See Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

IN

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AMENDMENT NO. 15 TO SCHEDULE 13D

This Amendment No. 15 to the Schedule 13D filed on November 29, 1993 (the "Schedule 13D"), as amended on January 13, 1994, February 9, 1994, March 15, 1994, March 22, 1996, September 26, 1996, January 22, 1997, March 18, 1998, October 14, 1998, June 15, 1999, November 19, 1999, May 29, 2001, November 7, 2001, November 9, 2001 and on May 21, 2002 is on behalf of SOFI-IV SMT Holdings, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("SMT"), Starwood Opportunity Fund IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("SOFI IV"), SOFI IV Management, L.L.C., a Connecticut limited liability company ("SOFI IV Management"), Starwood Capital Group, L.L.C., a Connecticut limited liability company ("SCG") and Barry S. Sternlicht.

Unless specifically amended and/or restated herein, the disclosure set forth in the Schedule 13D, as amended through Amendment No. 14, shall remain unchanged.

ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

No amendment.

ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.

No amendment.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.

No amendment.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

The information previously furnished in response to Item 4 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereto the following:

SMT has sold an aggregate of 802,800 Shares of the Issuer in connection with the underwriter's option to acquire such Shares, pursuant to the Purchase Agreement dated as of May 15, 2002 by and among the Issuer, SMT and Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (the "Underwriter") as more fully described in Item 6. The Underwriter's over-allotment option period expired on June 14, 2002.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

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The information previously furnished in response to Item 5 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

Based on information provided by the Issuer, the total number of Shares outstanding as of May 10, 2002 for purposes of calculating the percentage ownership of Shares for each Reporting Person equaled 88,624,542.

(a) Aggregate Number and Percentage of the Class of Securities Identified Pursuant to Item 1 Beneficially Owned by Each Person Named in Item 2:

As of May 31, 2002, SMT beneficially owned approximately 26.6% of the issued and outstanding Shares, or 23,585,538 Shares.

As of May 31, 2002, SOFI IV may be deemed to have beneficially owned approximately 26.6% of the issued and outstanding Shares, or 23,585,538 Shares, by virtue of being the sole member and manager of SMT. This Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

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As of May 31, 2002, SOFI IV Management may be deemed to have beneficially owned approximately 26.6% of the issued and outstanding Shares, or 23,585,538 Shares, by virtue of being the general partner of SOFI IV, which is the sole member and manager of SMT. This Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

As of May 31, 2002, SCG may be deemed to have beneficially owned approximately 26.6% of the issued and outstanding Shares, or 23,593,538 Shares (which includes 8,000 Shares directly owned by this Reporting Person) by virtue of being a general manager of SOFI IV Management, which is the general partner of SOFI IV, which is the sole member and manager of SMT. This Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

As of May 31, 2002, Barry S. Sternlicht may be deemed to have beneficially owned approximately 26.6% of the issued and outstanding Shares, or 23,593,538 Shares (which excludes the number of Shares personally owned by Mr. Sternlicht as indicated below), by virtue of his control of SCG, which is the general manager of SOFI IV Management, which is the general partner of SOFI IV, which is the sole member and manager of SMT. This Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. Mr. Sternlicht also personally owns, either directly or through a family foundation, approximately an additional 1.6% of the issued and outstanding Shares or 1,376,887 Shares.

(b) Number of Shares as to Which There is Sole Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote, Shared Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote, and Sole or Shared Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition:

As of May 31, 2002:

SMT has the sole power to vote and dispose of 23,585,538 Shares. SMT does not share the power to vote or dispose of any Shares.

By virtue of being the sole member and manager of SMT, SOFI IV shares the power to vote and dispose of 23,585,538 Shares. SOFI IV does not have the sole power to vote or dispose of any Shares.

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By virtue of being a general partner of SOFI IV, which is the sole member and manager of SMT, SOFI IV Management shares the power to vote and dispose of 23,585,538 Shares. SOFI IV Management does not have the sole power to vote or dispose of any Shares.

By virtue of being a general manager of SOFI IV Management, which is the general partner of SOFI IV, which is the sole member and manager of SMT, SCG shares the power to vote and dispose of 23,585,538 Shares. SCG has the sole power to vote or dispose of 8,000 Shares.

By virtue of being the general manager of SCG (which is the general manager of SOFI IV Management, which is the general partner of SOFI IV, which is the general manager of SMT), Barry S. Sternlicht shares the power to vote and dispose of 23,593,538 Shares. Mr. Sternlicht has the sole power to vote or dispose of 1,376,887 Shares held personally by him either directly or through a family foundation.

(c) Except as specified in Item 4 or Item 5, or as previously reported in the Schedule 13D, no Reporting Person has effected any transactions in Shares during the 60 day period preceding May 31, 2002.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

No amendment.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
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1	Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of June 18, 2002, by and among the Reporting Persons.
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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated as of June 18, 2002.

SOFI-IV SMT HOLDINGS, L.L.C.

By: Starwood Opportunity Fund IV, L.P.
Its: Sole Member and Manager

By: SOFI IV Management, L.L.C.
Its: General Partner

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By: Starwood Capital Group, L.L.C.
Its: General Manager

By: /s/ Jerome C. Silvey

Name: Jerome C. Silvey
Its: Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated as of June 18, 2002.

STARWOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND IV, L.P.

By: SOFI IV Management, L.L.C.
Its: General Partner

By: Starwood Capital Group, L.L.C.
Its: General Manager

By: /s/ Jerome C. Silvey

Name: Jerome C. Silvey
Its: Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated as of June 18, 2002.

SOFI IV MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.

By: Starwood Capital Group, L.L.C.
Its: General Manager

By: /s/ Jerome C. Silvey

Name: Jerome C. Silvey
Its: Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated as of June 18, 2002.

STARWOOD CAPITAL GROUP, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Jerome C. Silvey

Name: Jerome C. Silvey

Its: Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated as of June 18, 2002.

By: /s/ Barry S. Sternlicht

Name: Barry S. Sternlicht