**MATIS NINA** Form 4 February 20, 2013

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(First)

(Street)

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **MATIS NINA** Symbol ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [SFI]

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2013

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Legal Officer & CIO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10036

1114 AVENUE OF THE

AMERICAS, 39TH FLOOR

(City)	(State) (Z	Table Table	I - Non-De	rivative Se	curiti	es Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/15/2013		A	18,571 (1)	A	\$0	250,398 (3)	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2013		F	10,366 (1)	D	\$0	250,398 (3)	D	
Restricted Stock Units	02/15/2013		A	90,000 (2)	A	\$0	278,519 (3)	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)

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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	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

2/20/2013

\*\*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 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.

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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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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