

ISTAR FINANCIAL INC
 Form 4
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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)
 12/31/2013

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)
 Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2013 | | A | V 57,904 (1) A \$ 0 | 2,575,411 (4) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2013 | | F | V 32,322 (1) D \$ 0 | 2,575,411 (4) | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/01/2014 | | A | V 962,963 (2) A \$ 0 | 2,575,411 (4) | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/01/2014 | | F | V 527,676 (2) D \$ 0 | 2,575,411 (4) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/05/2014 | | S | 26,749 (3) D \$ 15.0052 | 2,575,411 (4) | D | |

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|---------------------------|------------|---|---------------|---|------------|------------------|---|-----------|
| Common Stock | 02/06/2014 | S | 26,749 (3) | D | \$ 15.3344 | 2,575,411 (4) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/07/2014 | S | 26,748 (3) | D | \$ 15.1649 | 2,575,411 (4) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 44,544 (4) | I | By spouse |
| Preferred Stock, Series D | | | | | | 2,000 (5) | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | | | | | | 679,619 (5) | 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 Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SUGARMAN JAY 1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 39TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036 | X | | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

s/ Jay Sugarman

02/07/2014

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Effective December 31, 2013, the Reporting Person, Mr. Jay Sugarman, acquired 57,904 shares of iStar common stock upon the vesting of Restricted Stock Units (Units) at 200% of the target amount of the original award, following achievement of performance and service conditions pursuant to an award dated February 1, 2013, which award was previously reported on Form 4. After deducting 32,322 shares for applicable tax withholding, the Reporting Person acquired a net amount of 25,582 shares of iStar common stock.

(2) Effective January 1, 2014, the Reporting Person acquired 962,963 shares of iStar common stock upon the vesting of Units pursuant to an award originally dated December 19, 2008, as amended July 1, 2011, which award was previously reported on Form 4. After deducting 527,676 shares for applicable tax withholding, the Reporting Person acquired a net amount of 435,287 shares of iStar common stock.

(3) On February 5-7, 2014, a total of 80,246 shares of iStar common stock were sold on behalf of the Reporting Person (26,749 shares sold on February 5, 26,749 shares sold on February 6, and 26,748 shares sold on February 8), at the sales prices set forth in this Form 4 in open market transactions pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the Reporting Person on March 22, 2013.

(4) Following the transactions reported in this Form 4, the Reporting Person is the direct beneficial owner of 2,575,411 shares of iStar common stock and the indirect beneficial owner of 44,544 shares of iStar common stock owned by his spouse.

(5) The Reporting Person is also the direct beneficial owner of 2,000 shares of iStar Series D preferred stock and 679,619 Units representing the right to receive an equivalent number of shares of iStar common stock (net of shares deducted for statutory minimum required tax withholdings) if and when the Units vest.

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