

ISTAR FINANCIAL INC
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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 *
RIDINGS BARRY W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ISTAR FINANCIAL, 1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 39TH FLR

(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)
05/22/2014

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	05/22/2014		A	V	8,602 ₍₁₎	A	\$ 0 25,945 ₍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. 3)
Common Stock Equivalents	\$ 0					(3) (3)	Common Stock	6,670 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIDINGS BARRY W C/O ISTAR FINANCIAL 1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 39TH FLR NEW YORK, NY 10036	X			

Signatures

S/ BARRY W
RIDINGS 05/30/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- On May 22, 2014, the Reporting Person was awarded a total of 8,602 restricted shares of Common Stock of iStar Financial Inc. (NYSE:STAR) in accordance with the provisions of the iStar Financial Inc. Non-Employee Directors' Deferral Plan (Plan), which are owned directly. These shares are restricted and may not be sold or otherwise transferred until they vest on May 22, 2015, the one-year anniversary of iStar's 2014 annual meeting of shareholders.
- (1) Following this transaction, the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of 25,945 shares of iStar Common Stock, which are owned directly.
 - (2) The Reporting Person also holds a total of 6,670 Common Stock Equivalents (CSEs) awarded pursuant to the Plan, all of which are vested. Under the Plan, on the regular distribution date, vested CSEs will be settled by the transfer of shares of iStar Common Stock to the participant. The "regular distribution date" for distributions to Plan participants is the earlier of: (1) January 1 on or next following the earlier of (i) the date the participant ceases to be a non-employee director; and (ii) the date of the participant's death; and (2) a change of

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control (as defined in the Plan). A participant, under certain limited circumstances, is permitted to elect to receive distributions at times other than the regular distribution date.

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