

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 *
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)
12/31/2014

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)
Chairman and CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 12/31/2014 | | A | V 113,204 (1) | A \$ 0 2,699,553 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2014 | | F | V 63,190 (1) | D \$ 0 2,699,553 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 40,544 (2) | I | By spouse |
| Preferred Stock, Series D | | | | | 2,000 (3) | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | | | | | 21,714 (3) | D | |

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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 (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 03/12/2015

**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 December 31, 2014, the Reporting Person, Mr. Jay Sugarman, acquired 113,204 shares of iStar common stock upon the vesting of Restricted Stock Units (Units) at 195.5% 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 63,190 shares for applicable tax withholding, following payroll processing, the Reporting Person acquired a net amount of 50,014 shares of iStar common stock.
- Following the transactions reported in this Form 4, the Reporting Person is the direct beneficial owner of 2,699,553 shares of iStar common stock and the indirect beneficial owner of 40,544 shares of iStar common stock owned by his spouse.
 - 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

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withholdings) if and when the Units vest.

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