

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SUGARMAN JAY</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 39TH FLOOR</u>  (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10036</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [ SFI ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Chairman and CEO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/20/2013</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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	03/20/2013		A	V	111,111 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	2,732,168 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2013		F	V	62,022 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$0	2,732,168 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								44,544	I	By spouse
Preferred Stock, Series D								2,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Restricted Stock Units								2,271,534 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Effective March 20, 2013, the Reporting Person acquired 111,111 shares of iStar common stock upon the vesting of Units pursuant to an award dated March 20, 2011, which award has been previously reported on Form 4. After deducting 62,022 shares for applicable tax withholding, the Reporting Person acquired a net amount of 49,089 shares of iStar common stock.
- Following these transactions, the Reporting Person is the direct beneficial owner of 2,732,168 shares of iStar common stock, the indirect beneficial owner of 44,544 shares of iStar common stock owned by the Reporting Person's spouse, and the direct beneficial owner of 2,000 shares of iStar Series D preferred stock. The Reporting Person also owns a total of 2,271,534 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.

s/ Jay Sugarman 03/22/2013  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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