# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# iSTAR INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

95-6881527 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1114 Avenue of the Americas
39<sup>th</sup> Floor
New York, New York
(212) 930-9400
(Address of principal executive offices)

10036 (Zip Code)

iStar Inc. 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Full title of the Plan)

Geoffrey Dugan iStar Inc. 1114 Avenue of the Americas 39<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York (212) 930-9400

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

Kathleen Werner, Esq. Clifford Chance US LLP 31 West 52nd Street New York, New York 10019 (212) 878-8000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

 Large accelerated filer

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 \text{Smaller reporting company}
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 Non-accelerated filer

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 \text{Smaller reporting company}
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Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.  $\Box$ 

# **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

**Proposed Maximum Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering** Amount to be **Offering Price Per** Amount of Registered<sup>(1)</sup> Share(2) Price<sup>(2)</sup> Title of Securities to be Registered **Registration Fee** Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share 1,000,000(3) 25.33 25,330,000.00 2763.50 shares of common stock that become issuable under the iStar Inc. 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended and restated, the "2009 LTIP"), by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the number of outstanding ordinary shares.

- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) promulgated under the Securities Act. The offering price per ordinary share and the aggregate offering price is based upon the average of the high and low prices of the common stock, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on August 24, 2021.
- (3) Represents additional shares of common stock authorized for issuance under the 2009 LTIP. See "Explanatory Note" for additional information.

# **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

# REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL SHARES

iStar Inc. (the "Company") is filing this Registration Statement on Form S-8 to register 1,000,000 additional shares of common stock authorized for issuance under the iStar Inc. 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended and restated, the "2009 LTIP").

Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, this Registration Statement hereby incorporates by reference the contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-183465) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on August 21, 2012, except to the extent supplemented, amended or superseded by the information set forth this Registration Statement.

#### PART II

# INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which have been filed by the registrant with the SEC are hereby incorporated by reference herein, and shall be deemed to be a part of, this Registration Statement:

- The Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended <u>March 31, 2021</u> and <u>June 30, 2021</u>, filed with the SEC on April 29, 2021 and August 3, 2021;
- The Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on February 23, 2021;
- The <u>Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 2, 2021</u> (solely to the extent specifically incorporated by reference into the Company's <u>Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020</u>);
- The Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 7, 2021, May 14, 2021 and July 6, 2021; and
- The description of the Company's common stock contained in Exhibit 4.14 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed with the SEC on February 24, 2020, which updated the description thereof contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A (File No. 001-15371), filed with the SEC on October 5, 1999.

In addition, all documents filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this registration statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be a part of it from the respective dates of filing such documents; except as to any portion of any future annual, quarterly or current report or other document that is deemed furnished and not deemed filed under such provisions. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

# Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit number	Exhibit description
4.1*	iStar Inc. 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended and restated on May 13, 2021, (incorporated by reference to our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 2, 2021)
<u>5.1</u>	Opinion of Clifford Chance US LLP
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
23.2	Consent of Clifford Chance US LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1	Power of Attorney (included in signature page)
* Filed pr	eviously.
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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in New York, New York on August 30, 2021.

iSTAR INC.

By: /s/ JAY SUGARMAN

Name: Jay Sugarman

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

# POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Doug Heitner, Garett Rosenblum and Geoffrey Dugan and each of them, as such person's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for such person and in such person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, and any additional related registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (including post-effective amendments to the registration statement and any such related registration statements), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and any other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as such person might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Name	Title	Date
/s/ JAY SUGARMAN Jay Sugarman	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Director	August 30, 2021
, 0	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ GARETT ROSENBLUM Garett Rosenblum	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal	August 30, 2021
Garett Rosenblum	Accounting Officer)	
/s/ CLIFFORD DE SOUZA	Director	August 30, 2021
Clifford De Souza		
/s/ DAVID EISENBERG  David Eisenberg	Director	August 30, 2021
/s/ ROBIN JOSEPHS	Director	August 30, 2021
Robin Josephs	Director	August 50, 2021
/s/ RICHARD LIEB	Director	August 30, 2021
Richard Lieb		
/s/ BARRY W. RIDINGS	Director	August 30, 2021
Barry W. Ridings		
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August 30, 2021

iStar Financial Inc. 1114 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8 of iStar Financial Inc.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to iStar Financial Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "**Company**"), in connection with the Company's registration statement on Form S-8, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") on August 21, 2012 (the "**Registration Statement**") for registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), of up to 1,000,000 shares (the "**Shares**") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, which may be issued from time to time pursuant to the Company's 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**").

In rendering this opinion, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents, corporate records, certificates and other instruments as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of rendering this opinion. In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents, certificates and instruments submitted to us as originals, the conformity with originals of all documents submitted to us as copies and the absence of any amendments or modifications to those items reviewed by us. As to any facts material to this opinion which we have not independently established or verified, we have relied upon statements and representations of representatives of the Company and others.

Based upon the foregoing, and such other examination of law and fact as we have deemed necessary, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and, when the Shares are issued and delivered by the Company upon receipt of the consideration therefor as provided in, and otherwise in accordance with, the Plan, the Shares will be legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

The opinion stated herein is limited to the Maryland General Corporation Law. We do not express any opinion with respect to the law of any other jurisdiction or as to the effect of any such law on the opinion herein stated. In addition, we have assumed that the resolutions of the Company's board of directors or its compensation committee authorizing the Company to issue and deliver the Shares pursuant to the Plan will be in full force and effect at all times at which such Shares are issued and delivered by the Company and that the Company will take no action inconsistent with such resolutions.

# CLIFFORD CHANCE US LLP

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This letter has been prepared for your use in connection with the Registration Statement and is based upon the law as in effect and the facts known to us on the date hereof. We have not undertaken to advise you of any subsequent changes in the law or of any facts that hereafter may come to our attention.

Respectfully,

Clifford Chance US LLP

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our reports dated February 23, 2021 relating to the financial statements of iStar, Inc. and the effectiveness of iStar, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of iStar, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2020.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP New York, NY August 30, 2021