#### ISTAR FINANCIAL INC

Form 4

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# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add SUGARMAN	*	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [SFI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 27TH FLOOR			(Month/Day/Year) 01/07/2008	_X Director 10% Owner Self-with the order of the control of the cont		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
NEW YORK, NY 10036			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ransaction Date 2A. Deemed onth/Day/Year)  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)				equired l of (D) 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Stock, \$.001 par value per share	01/07/2008		M	10,000 (1)	A	\$ 14.72	1,822,637 (2)	D	
Common Stock, \$.001 par value per share	01/07/2008		J	0	A	\$ 0	650,688 (2)	I	By family trusts

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orderivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Derivative Expiration Date ecurities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) r Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options to purchase common stock	\$ 14.72	01/07/2008		M		10,000	11/12/2001	03/01/2008	Common Stock, \$.001 par value	10,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Fr. 1 9 Th. 1 Th.	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SUGARMAN JAY							
1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 27TH FLOOR	X		Chairman and CEO				
NEW YORK, NY 10036							

## **Signatures**

s/ Jay Sugarman 01/07/2008

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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).
- (1) On January 7, 2008, the reporting person purchased 10,000 shares of common stock of iStar Financial Inc., pursuant to the exercise of a stock option, at an exercise price of \$14.72 per share.
- (2) Following completion of this transaction, the reporting person is the beneficial owner of a total of 2,473,325 shares of common stock of iStar Financial Inc., of which 1,822,637 shares are owned directly and 650,688 shares are owned indirectly through family trusts.

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