

ISTAR FINANCIAL INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 MCDONALD JOHN G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GSB STANFORD UNIVERSITY,  
 518 MEMORIAL WY

(Street)

STANFORD, CA 94305-5015

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [SFI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/14/2008

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share | 11/14/2008                           |                                                    | P                              | 6,000 (1) A                                                       | \$ 1.2465 32,450 (1)                                                                          | I                                                        | Trustee of Family Trust           |

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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                         | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCDONALD JOHN G<br>GSB STANFORD UNIVERSITY, 518 MEMORIAL WY<br>STANFORD, CA 94305-5015 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

s/ John G. McDonald                      11/14/2008

\_\_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 November 14, 2008, the Reporting Person purchased 6,000 shares of common stock of iStar Financial Inc. at an average price of \$1.2465 per share. The Reporting Person holds beneficial ownership of these shares indirectly as trustee of a family trust established by (1) the Reporting Person. Following this transaction, the Reporting Person beneficially owns a total of 50,000 shares of iStar common stock, consisting of 17,550 shares owned indirectly in an individual retirement account established by the Reporting Person and 32,450 shares owned indirectly as trustee of a family trust.

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