

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### ISSUER

#### ISTAR FINANCIAL INC

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SIC: **6798** Real estate investment trusts

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>MCDONALD JOHN G</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [SFI]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>06/03/2003</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
GSB, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, 518 MEMORIAL WAY			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) STANFORD, CA 94305-5015								
(City)			(State)			(Zip)		

**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			

**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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Common Stock Equivalents	\$ 0	06/03/2003		<u>A</u>		2,500 <sup>(1)</sup>		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 0	2,500	D	
Common Stock Equivalents	\$ 0	10/29/2003		<u>P</u>		44 <sup>(3)</sup>		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	44	\$37.87	2,544	D	
Common Stock Equivalents	\$ 0	12/29/2003		<u>P</u>		44 <sup>(3)</sup>		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	44	\$38.7	2,588	D	
Common Stock Equivalents	\$ 0	04/29/2004		<u>P</u>		50 <sup>(3)</sup>		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	50	\$36.15	2,638	D	

Common Stock Equivalents	\$ 0	05/25/2004		<u>A</u>	2,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 0	5,138	D	
Common Stock Equivalents	\$ 0	07/29/2004		<u>P</u>	95 <sup>(3)</sup>	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	95	\$37.03	5,233	D	
Common Stock Equivalents	\$ 0	10/29/2004		<u>A</u>	88 <sup>(3)</sup>	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	88	\$41.42	5,321	D	
Common Stock Equivalents	\$ 0	12/29/2004		<u>A</u>	83 <sup>(3)</sup>	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	82	\$44.7	5,403	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Under the iStar Financial Inc. Non-Employee Directors Deferral Plan ("Plan"), the reporting person receives an annual grant of 2,500 common stock equivalents commencing with the 2003 annual meeting of shareholders. Each annual award vests on the date of the next following annual meeting after the date of grant, except the 2003 award vested 18 months after the date of grant.
- Vested common stock equivalents will be distributed to the holder following the earlier of (i) the holder's ceasing to be a non-employee director or (ii) the holder's death, or upon a change of control. Distributions will be in the form of an equal number of shares of common stock, unless the holder elects to receive payment in cash.
- Each common stock equivalent entitles the holder to receive a dividend equivalent right, which consists of the right to receive a cash payment equal to the dividend paid on a share of iStar common stock. In lieu of payment of dividend equivalent rights in cash, the reporting person has elected to have additional common stock equivalents credited in respect of a dividend equivalent payment, in accordance with the Plan.

**Signatures**

s/ John G. McDonald

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

05/02/2005

Date

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