

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
KASITZ KEVIN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [HALL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
777 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/03/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/03/2015 | | M | 5,000 A \$ 11.34 | 48,093 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/03/2015 | | S | 5,000 D \$ 12.7034 | 43,093 | D | |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS | (2) | | | | | 03/31/2017 03/31/2017 | COMMON STOCK |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS | (3) | | | | | 03/31/2016 03/31/2016 | COMMON STOCK |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 6.61 | | | | | (4) 04/01/2019 | COMMON STOCK |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 11.46 | | | | | (5) 05/22/2018 | COMMON STOCK |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 12.52 | | | | | (6) 05/24/2017 | COMMON STOCK |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 11.34 | 12/03/2015 | | M | 5,000 | (7) 05/25/2016 | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| | | | Executive Vice President | |

KASITZ KEVIN
777 MAIN STREET
SUITE 1000
FORT WORTH, TX 76102

Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR KEVIN
KASITZ

12/04/2015

__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).

(1) Represents the weighted average price of transactions effected at prices ranging from \$12.58 per share to \$12.93 per share. Upon written request by the SEC, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i) CAGR less than 8% earns 0%; (ii) 8% CAGR earns 50%; (iii) 9% CAGR earns 64%; (iv) 10% CAGR earns 79%; (v) 11% CAGR earns 93%; (vi) 12% CAGR earns 107% shares; (vii) 13% CAGR earns 122%; (viii) 14% CAGR earns 136%; and (ix) 15% or greater CAGR earns 150%.

(3) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i) CAGR less than 8% earns 0%; (ii) 8% CAGR earns 50%; (iii) 9% CAGR earns 64%; (iv) 10% CAGR earns 79%; (v) 11% CAGR earns 93%; (vi) 12% CAGR earns 107% shares; (vii) 13% CAGR earns 122%; (viii) 14% CAGR earns 136%; and (ix) 15% or greater CAGR earns 150%.

(4) Represents grant of employee stock options which become exercisable in seven equal annual installments commencing April 1, 2010.

(5) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 3,750, 7,500, 11,250 and 15,000 shares on May 22, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

(6) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 7,500, 15,000, 22,500 and 30,000 shares on May 24, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

(7) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 1,667, 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on May 25, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively.

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