

KARFUNKEL MICHAEL

Form 5

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1(b).Form 3 Holdings
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Form 4

Transactions

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
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KARFUNKEL MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL
SERVICES, INC., 59 MAIDEN
LANE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10038

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
SymbolAmtrust Financial Services, Inc.
[AFSI]3. Statement of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/20085. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☒ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	9,033,000 D	Â
Common Stock	08/01/2008	Â	G	3,992,857 (1) D	\$ 0 0	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock	08/01/2008	Â	G	3,992,857 A	\$ 0 5,812,500	I	See Footnote

(3)

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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. of D S B O E I F (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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NEW YORK, NY 10038

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Signatures

/s/ Michael
Karfunkel

02/17/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Charitable contribution of 3,992,857 shares of Common Stock to Hod Foundation.

These shares were owned by New Gulf Holdings, Inc. ("NGH"), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Gulf USA Corporation ("Gulf").

(2) The Reporting Person owns 50.0% of Gulf. With respect to the shares owned by NGH, the Reporting Person shares voting and investment power with George Karfunkel.

Shares held by Hod Foundation, a charitable foundation controlled by the Reporting Person, which owns 5,812,500 shares of common stock. The Reporting Person does not have a beneficial interest in the shares owned by Hod Foundation and, therefore, disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares of common stock.

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