

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

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)
03/17/2015

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

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	03/17/2015		M	16,667 A \$ 7.14	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)

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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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 7.14	03/17/2015		M	166,667	<u>(1)</u>	05/27/2015	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	<u>(2)</u>					03/31/2017	03/31/2017	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	<u>(3)</u>					03/31/2016	03/31/2016	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	<u>(4)</u>					03/31/2015	03/31/2015	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 6.61					<u>(5)</u>	04/01/2019	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.46					<u>(6)</u>	05/22/2018	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.52					<u>(7)</u>	05/24/2017	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.34					<u>(8)</u>	05/25/2016	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KASITZ KEVIN 777 MAIN STREET SUITE 1000 FORT WORTH, TX 76102			Executive Vice President; COO	

Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR KEVIN KASITZ	03/20/2015
**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 employee stock options exercisable as to 1,667, 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on May 27, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

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%.

- (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, 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%.

- (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, 2012 to December 31, 2014, 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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