

E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
 LAYTON DONALD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP
 [ETFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

C/O E*TRADE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, 135 E. 57TH STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	F ⁽¹⁾	104,083 D	\$ 1.135	2,016,163	D
Common Stock	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	F ⁽²⁾	88,324 D	\$ 1.135	1,927,839	D
Common Stock	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	F ⁽³⁾	163,157 D	\$ 1.135	1,764,682	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6)
				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
LAYTON DONALD H C/O E*TRADE FINANCIAL CORPORATION 135 E. 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Russell S. Elmer, 01/02/2009
Attorney-in-Fact

__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) Amount reported reflects shares withheld to pay tax obligation as a result of the issuance on December 31, 2008 of shares under RSUs awarded on March 2, 2008, which vested on October 1, 2008.
- (2) Amount reported reflects shares withheld to pay tax obligation as a result of the issuance on December 31, 2008 of shares under RSUs awarded on March 2, 2008, which vested on July 1, 2008.
- (3) Amount reported reflects shares withheld to pay tax obligation as a result of the issuance on December 31, 2008 of shares under RSUs awarded on March 2, 2008, which vested on April 1, 2008.

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