Talwar Harit Form 4 March 28, 2012

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Talwar Harit			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Discover Financial Services [DFS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
2500 LAKE COOK ROAD			(Month/Day/Year) 03/27/2012	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Executive Vice President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
RIVERWOODS, IL 60015				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/27/2012		Code V M	Amount 51,776	or (D)	Price \$ 14.49	(Instr. 3 and 4) 398,524.47	D			
Common Stock	03/27/2012		S	51,776	D	\$ 33.65 (7)	346,748.47	D			
Common Stock	03/27/2012		M	60,000	A	\$ 18.05	406,748.47	D			
Common Stock	03/27/2012		S	60,000	D	\$ 33.89 (8)	346,748.47	D			
	03/27/2012		M	41,725	A		388,473.47	D			

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Common Stock				\$ 18.87			
Common Stock	03/27/2012	S	41,725 D	\$ 33.76 (9)	346,748.47	D	
Common Stock					650.38	I	By ESOP

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 Expiration Date Exercise (Month/Day/Y Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D	)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 14.49	03/27/2012		M	51,7	76	<u>(1)</u>	01/02/2013	Common Stock	51,776
Employee Stock Option	\$ 18.05	03/27/2012		M	60,0	000	(3)	01/02/2014	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 18.87	03/27/2012		M	41,7	25	<u>(5)</u>	01/02/2014	Common Stock	41,725

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Talwar Harit 2500 LAKE COOK ROAD RIVERWOODS, IL 60015			Executive Vice President				

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### **Signatures**

Simon Halfin as Attorney-in-Fact for Harit Talwar

03/28/2012

\*\*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) This option became fully vested on January 2, 2005.
- (2) In connection with Discover Financial Services' spin-off from Morgan Stanley, this option was granted by Discover Financial Services in replacement of an option to purchase 17,623 shares of common stock of Morgan Stanley at an exercise price of \$42.56.
- (3) This option became fully vested on January 2, 2009.
- (4) In connection with Discover Financial Services' spin-off from Morgan Stanley, this option was granted by Discover Financial Services in replacement of an option to purchase 43,382 shares of common stock of Morgan Stanley at an exercise price of \$53.02.
- (5) This option became fully vested on January 2, 2007.
- (6) In connection with Discover Financial Services' spin-off from Morgan Stanley, this option was granted by Discover Financial Services in replacement of an option to purchase 14,202 shares of common stock of Morgan Stanley at an exercise price of \$55.45.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$33.61 to \$33.72, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Discover Financial Services, any security holder of Discover Financial Services, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$33.80 to \$33.93, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Discover Financial Services, any security holder of Discover Financial Services, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$33.71 to \$33.78, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Discover Financial Services, any security holder of Discover Financial Services, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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