

Nardelli Vito
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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 *
 Nardelli Vito

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
 [OCFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 975 HOOPER AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2012

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/15/2012		A	2,190 A \$ 0	24,971	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock					16,974	I	By 401(k) ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					8,982	I	By ESOP ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					1,108	I	By Matching ESOP ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.83	02/15/2012		A		33,750		02/15/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	33,750
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.38							05/28/2005	05/28/2014	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07							01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Common Stock	780
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.795							04/20/2006	04/20/2015	Common Stock	866
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.475							02/15/2007	02/15/2016	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.17							02/21/2008	02/21/2017	Common Stock	20,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81							02/20/2009	02/20/2018	Common Stock	21,263

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10	02/17/2011	02/17/2020	Common Stock	29,770
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87	02/18/2012	02/18/2021	Common Stock	33,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nardelli Vito 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754			President	

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of Attorney
02/17/2012

__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) Restricted shares awarded in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2013. Total includes other unvested restricted stock.
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Represents shares acquired under the OceanFirst Bank Matching Contribution Employee Stock Ownership Plan established as part of a spin-off from the OceanFirst Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective December 27, 2006.
- (4) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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