

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nelson Andrew C <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> C/O INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION, 10500 COURSEY BLVD. <small>(Street)</small> BATON ROUGE, LA 70816 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Investar Holding Corp [ISTR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">1/17/2024</p> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 1/17/2024 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,918 | A | \$0 | 141,954 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 8,427 ⁽²⁾ | I | By AJ Investment Co LLC |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Grant of restricted stock units that convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis. Vesting occurs in equal increments on 1/17/2025 and 1/1/2026.
- (2) Mr. Nelson holds an aggregate 90% equity interest in AJ Investment Co LLC. AJ Investment Co LLC is the direct owner of 8,427 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Nelson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock directly owned by AJ Investment Co LLC for purposes of Section 16, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in approximately 7,584 shares.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nelson Andrew C C/O INVESTAR HOLDING CORPORATION 10500 COURSEY BLVD. BATON ROUGE, LA 70816 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Andrew C. Nelson, M.D

1/19/2024

^{**}Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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