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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 17)

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

032359309

(CUSIP Number)

Barry D. Zyskind

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

July 23, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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REPORT	ING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POW	ER
PERSON V	VITH		17,339,994	
		10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE PO 27,524,562	OWER
11	AGG	REGA	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIAL	LY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
	44,86	64,556		
12	CHE SHA		THE AGGREGATE AMOUN	IT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
13	PER	CENT (OF CLASS REPRESENTED	BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
	22.89	%		
14	TYP.	E OF R	EPORTING PERSON	
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REPORT	ING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE PO	OWER
PERSON V	WITH		32,438,408	
		10	SHARED DISPOSITIVI	E POWER
11	AGC	REGA	TE AMOUNT BENEFICI	ALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
	32,43	38,408		
12	CHE SHA		THE AGGREGATE AMC	UNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
13	PER	CENT (OF CLASS REPRESENTE	ED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
	16.59	%		
14	TYP.	E OF R	EPORTING PERSON	
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REPORT	ING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE P	OWER
PERSON V	WITH		6,596,463	
		10	SHARED DISPOSITIV 15,504,562	E POWER
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	11.3%	6		
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REPORT	ING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON V	VITH		2,945,113
		10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
			0
11	AGG	GREGA'	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
	2,945	5,113	
12	CHE SHA		THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
13	PER	CENT (OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
	1.5%)	
14	TYP	E OF R	EPORTING PERSON
	IN		

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Explanatory Note

This Amendment No. 17 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 17) amends Amendment No. 16 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 16), which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on April 30, 2018 and amended Amendment No. 15 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No.15), which was filed with the SEC on March 1, 2018 and amended Amendment No. 14 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No.14), which was filed with the SEC on January 22, 2018 and amended Amendment No. 13 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 13), which was filed with the SEC on January 10, 2018 and amended Amendment No. 12 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 12), which was filed with the SEC on December 7, 2017 and amended and restated in its entirety the Schedule 13D and amendments thereto filed by Barry D. Zyskind, George Karfunkel, Leah Karfunkel and Esther Zyskind (collectively, the Group), with respect to the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the Shares), of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer).

Except as set forth below, all previous Items and disclosure set forth in Amendment No. 12, as amended by Amendment No. 13, Amendment No. 14, Amendment No. 15 and Amendment No. 16 are unchanged.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 of Schedule 13D is amended by inserting the following at the end of the section entitled Equity Commitment Letters of such Item:

On July 23, 2018, Parent entered into a subscription agreement (the Enstar Agreement) by and among Parent, Enstar Group Limited (Enstar), and, for certain limited purposes set forth therein, K-Z LLC and Trident Pine Acquisition LP (Trident Pine), and a subscription agreement (the MDP Agreement and, together with the Enstar Agreement, the Subscription Agreements) by and among Parent, an entity (MDP Investor) controlled by Madison Dearborn Partners (MDP) and, for certain limited purposes set forth therein, K-Z LLC and Trident Pine, pursuant to which, and subject to the conditions set forth therein, Enstar and MDP agreed to purchase equity in Parent in an aggregate amount of \$200,000,000 and \$150,000,000, respectively (together with the other transactions described in this section, the Equity Financing). Each Subscription Agreement is subject to customary conditions.

Certain investment funds affiliated with MDP have provided a commitment letter to MDP Investor, in support of the MDP Agreement (the MDP Commitment Letter).

The aggregate amount of equity financing provided to Parent by Trident Pine and K-Z LLC pursuant to the Commitment Letters will be reduced pro rata by the aggregate amount of equity financing provided to Parent pursuant to the Subscription Agreements.

The foregoing summaries of the Subscription Agreements and the MDP Commitment Letter do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by, the full text of the Subscription Agreements and the MDP Commitment Letter copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.14, Exhibit 99.15 and Exhibit 99.16 respectively, and the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits.

- 99.14 Subscription Agreement, dated July 23, 2018, by and among Evergreen Parent, L.P., Enstar Group Limited, and, for certain limited purposes set forth therein, K-Z Evergreen, LLC and Trident Pine Acquisition LP.
- 99.15 Subscription Agreement, dated July 23, 2018, by and among Evergreen Parent, L.P., MDP Investor and, for certain limited purposes set forth therein, K-Z Evergreen, LLC and Trident Pine Acquisition LP.
- 99.16 MDP Commitment Letter, dated July 23, 2018, by and among certain funds affiliated with Madison Dearborn Partners and MDP Investor.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

July 23, 2018

/s/ Barry D. Zyskind Barry D. Zyskind

/s/ George Karfunkel George Karfunkel

/s/ Leah Karfunkel Leah Karfunkel

/s/ Esther Zyskind Esther Zyskind