

DEUTSCHE STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST  
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**FORM 4**

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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 PARTNERRE LTD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 DEUTSCHE STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST [KSM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

90 PITTS BAY RD., WELLESLEY HOUSE

03/03/2015

(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  
 \_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PEMBROKE, D0 HM08

(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		
Floating Rate Municipal Term Preferred Shares, Series 2015	03/03/2015		X	2,419 A	\$ 25,007.67	2,419	I
							By Subsidiary (1)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Put Option (obligation to buy) <sup>(2)</sup> <u>(3)</u>	\$ 25,007.67	03/03/2015		X	2,419	01/21/2015 03/31/2015	Floating Rate Municipal Term Preferred Shares, Series 2015	2,419

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PARTNERRE LTD 90 PITTS BAY RD. WELLESLEY HOUSE PEMBROKE, D0 HM08		X		
Partner Reinsurance Co Ltd. 90 PITTS BAY RD. WELLESLEY HOUSE PEMBROKE, D0 HM08		X		
PartnerRe Principal Finance Inc. ONE GREENWICH PLAZA GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		

## Signatures

/s/C. Marc Wetherhill, Chief Legal Counsel	05/27/2015
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/C. Marc Wetherhill, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer	05/27/2015
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/TK Khan, General Counsel	05/27/2015
__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).

Partner Reinsurance Company of the U.S. ("PRC-US"), a wholly owned subsidiary of PartnerRe Ltd., is a direct beneficial owner of the reported securities. PartnerRe Ltd. is an indirect beneficial owner of the reported securities. PartnerRe Principal Finance Inc., a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of PartnerRe Ltd., acts as investment adviser for PRC-US and Partner Reinsurance Company Ltd. ("PRC"), a wholly owned direct subsidiary of PartnerRe Ltd. PartnerRe Principal Finance Inc. and PRC do not beneficially own any of the reported securities within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(a)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act").

(1) On January 16, 2015, PRC and Citibank N.A. ("Citibank") entered into a Put/Call Agreement (the "Put/Call Agreement"), by which, among other things, (i) PRC granted Citibank an option (exercisable between January 21, 2015 and March 31, 2015) (the "Put Option") to cause PRC to purchase the Floating Rate Municipal Term Preferred Shares, Series 2015 (the "MTPS Shares") from Citibank at the option price of \$25,000 per share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends (the "Option Price"); and (ii) Citibank granted PRC an option (exercisable on April 1, 2015) (the "Call Option") to cause Citibank to sell the MTPS Shares to PRC at the Option Price. On March 3, 2015, Citibank notified PRC that it was exercising the Put Option.

(2) PRC designated its affiliate, PRC-US, to perform its obligations under the Put/Call Agreement, and accordingly PRC-US purchased the MTPS Shares from Citibank on March 10, 2015 for the Option Price. The Call Option expired immediately following the exercise of the Put Option, whereupon PRC ceased to be subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

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