

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST  
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 \*  
Shah Jay H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST [HT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
44 HERSHA DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/09/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

HARRISBURG, PA 17102

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 09/09/2016                           | 09/09/2016   | P                              | 2,685 A   | \$ 18.5919 (1) 275,730  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 09/12/2016                           | 09/12/2016   | P                              | 2,015 A   | \$ 18.14 (2) 277,745  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest |                                      |  |                                |   | 75,000  | I  | By Jay and Susie                                      |

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Shares of  
Beneficial  
Interest

Shah  
2008  
Family  
Trust <sup>(3)</sup>

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                        | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Shah Jay H<br>44 HERSHA DRIVE<br>HARRISBURG, PA 17102 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ashish R. Parikh, as  
attorney-in-fact

09/13/2016

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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$18.50 to \$18.7199, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide Hersha Hospitality Trust, any security holder of Hersha Hospitality Trust, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares

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sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (1) and (2) to this Form 4.

- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at a price of \$18.14.
- (3) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, as this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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