

Shah Jay H
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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 *
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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2012

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

510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR

(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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

(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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 12/21/2012 | 12/21/2012 | S | | 21,392 D \$ 5.05 | D | 1,652,618 |
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 12/21/2012 | 12/21/2012 | S | | 17,358 D \$ 5.0109 | D | 1,635,260 |
| | 12/21/2012 | 12/21/2012 | S | | 31,250 D | D | 1,604,010 |

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|--|------------|------------|---|--------|---|--------|-----------|---|--|
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | | | | | | \$ | | | |
| | | | | | | 5.0117 | | | |
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 12/21/2012 | 12/21/2012 | S | 30,000 | D | \$ | 1,574,010 | D | |
| | | | | | | 5.0138 | | | |

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. Nu... Deriv... Secur... Bene... Own... Follo... Repo... Trans... (Instr... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Shah Jay H 510 WALNUT STREET 9TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106 | X | | Chief Executive Officer | Trustee |

Signatures

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

12/24/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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