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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

DAVIS NATHANIEL A

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/16/2011

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST. 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, **SUITE 1000**

(Street)

(State)

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

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BETHESDA, MDÂ 20814

(City)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Common Shares $65,000 \stackrel{(1)}{=}$

D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAVIS NATHANIEL A C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST

3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000 BETHESDA, MDÂ 20814

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Signatures

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells, Attorney-in-Fact

05/16/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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Represents shares purchased by the reporting person. In addition, concurrently with the closing of RLJ Lodging Trust's (the "Company") (1) initial public offering, Mr. Davis will receive shares of beneficial interest in the Company, under the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive

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Remarks:

Exhibit 24: Power of Attorney

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