

Shah Jay H  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
03/20/2013

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common A Shares of Beneficial Interest					300,000	I	By Jay and Susie Shah 2008 Family Trust
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	03/20/2013	03/20/2013	S		100,000	D	\$ 5.931 1,474,010 D

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Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	03/20/2013	03/20/2013	A	280,083 (1)	A	\$ 0	1,754,093	D
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	03/20/2013	03/20/2013	A	1,063,830 (2)	A	\$ 0	2,817,923	D
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	03/21/2013	03/21/2013	S	33,911	D	\$ 5.887	2,784,012	D
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	03/22/2013	03/22/2013	S	14,268	D	\$ 5.89	2,769,744	D
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	03/22/2013	03/22/2013	S	23,411	D	\$ 5.9	2,746,333	D

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 Repor Trans (Instr		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of

## 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 03/25/2013

\_\_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) Reflects restricted common shares granted under the 2012 Hersha Hospitality Trust Equity Incentive Plan in settlement of awards made to the Reporting Person under the 2012 annual long-term incentive program.
- (2) Reflects restricted common shares granted under the 2012 Hersha Hospitality Trust Equity Incentive Plan in settlement of awards made to the Reporting Person under the 2009 multi-year long-term incentive program.

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