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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Shah Neil 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 | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2018 | Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and COO | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| HARRISBUR | RG, PA 17102 | 2 | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi on(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3, | 4 and (A) or | d of | 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 | 11/02/2018 | | P | 3,000 | | \$ 17.3 | 323,752 | D | |
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | | | | | | | 75,000 | I | By Neil and Juhi Shah 2008 Family Trust (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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 3 | ate | Amour Underl Securit | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code V | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (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 Neil H 44 HERSHA DRIVE HARRISBURG, PA 17102

President and COO

Signatures

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

11/05/2018

**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 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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