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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Shah Jay H

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

(Zip)

[HT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2019

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

44 HERSHA DRIVE

Chief Executive Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

HARRISBURG, PA 17102

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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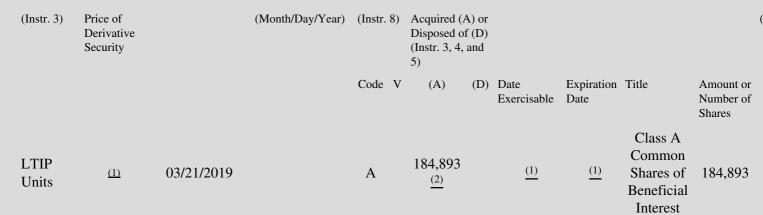
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(Instr. 4)

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

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shah Jay H

44 HERSHA DRIVE HARRISBURG, PA 17102 X

Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

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

03/22/2019

**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).
 - LTIP Units are a class of limited partnership units in Hersha Hospitality Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), of which the Issuer is the general partner, and represent a profit interest in the Operating Partnership. Initially, the LTIP Units do not have full parity with the Operating Partnership's common units of limited partnership interest ("Common Units") with respect to liquidating distributions.
- (1) Upon the occurrence of certain "book-up" events described in the Operating Partnership's partnership agreement, the LTIP Units can over time achieve full parity with the Common Units for all purposes. If such parity is reached, vested LTIP Units are convertible into Common Units and, upon conversion and subject to the applicable holding period, may be redeemed for cash in an amount equal to the then fair market value of an equal number of the Issuer's common shares, as determined by the Issuer at its election.
- Reflects restricted LTIP Units granted under the Amended and Restated Hersha Hospitality Trust 2012 Equity Incentive Plan in (2) settlement of awards made to the Reporting Person under the 2018 annual long-term incentive program and the 2016 Multi-year Long-term Incentive Program.

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