

Bierkan Ross 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 \*  
Bierkan Ross H.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

BETHESDA, MD 20814

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/16/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Investment Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or (D) Price		
Common Shares	05/16/2011		A		293,662 (1)	A	\$ 0 293,662 D
Common Shares	05/16/2011		A		110,000 (2)	A	\$ 0 403,662 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. F...			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Units	(3)	05/16/2011		A(3)	67,050	05/10/2012	(3)			Common Shares	67,050

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bierkan Ross H. C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000 BETHESDA, MD 20814			Chief Investment Officer	

## 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 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) Represents 293,662 shares of beneficial interest ("common shares") received by Mr. Bierkan in connection with RLJ Lodging Trust's (the "Company") formation transactions.
- (2) Concurrently with the closing of the Company's initial public offering, the Company granted 110,000 restricted shares to Mr. Bierkan, vesting ratably on each of the first 16 quarterly anniversaries of the date of grant, under the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (3) Represents 67,050 units of limited partnership interests ("OP Units") in the operating partnership of the Company, RLJ Lodging Trust, L.P., of which the Company is the general partner, that Mr. Bierkan received in connection with the Company's formation transactions. OP Units are redeemable for an equal number of the Company's common shares, or at the election of the Company, cash equal to the fair market value of such shares. OP Units have no expiration date.

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