SHAH HASU P Form 4 March 30, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHAH HASU P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

[HT]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

10% Owner

44 HERSHA DRIVE

(Street)

03/28/2018

Chairman of the Board 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HARRISBURG, PA 17102

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s)

Reported

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

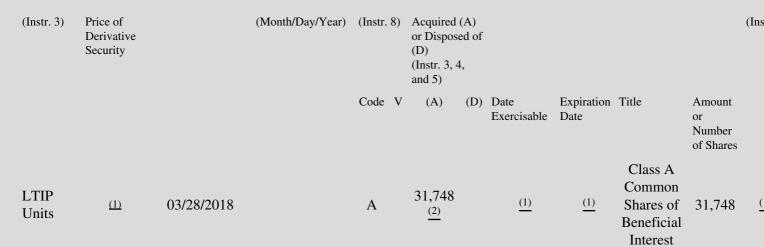
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. P
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Der
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
·r· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SHAH HASU P	v		Chairman af the Deand			
44 HERSHA DRIVE	X		Chairman of the Board			
HARRISBURG, PA 17102						

Signatures

/s/ Ashish R. Parikh, as attorney-in-fact 03/30/2018

**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).
- 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 2017 annual long-term incentive program and the 2015 Multi-year Long-term Incentive Program.

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