

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
PARIKH ASHISH R

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/23/2014

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

HARRISBURG, PA 17102

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |                        |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------------|
|  |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (A) or (D)  | Price                  |
| Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 12/23/2014                           |  | D                              |   | 191,948<br>(1)  | D  |   | \$ 0<br>(1)<br>426,917 |

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| LTIP Units                                 | (2) (3)  | 12/23/2014                           |  | A                              | 191,948   | (2)(3) (2)(3)  | Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest                  | 191,948   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| PARIKH ASHISH R<br>44 HERSHA DRIVE<br>HARRISBURG, PA 17102 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ashish R.  
Parikh

12/23/2014

\*\*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).

The Reporting Person forfeited these common shares in exchange for an aggregate cash payment of \$1.00, or \$0.00000521 per share.

(1) Prior to forfeiture, these common shares were subject to a substantial risk of loss and were non-transferable. The Reporting Person forfeited these common shares in connection with the issuance of the LTIP Units reported in Table II to this Form 4.

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.

(2) 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 or converted into an equal number of the Issuer's common shares, as determined by the Issuer at its election.

(3) 59,760, 27,381, 36,693, 27,381, 13,352 and 27,381 LTIP Units will vest on December 31, 2014, June 1, 2015, December 31, 2015, June 1, 2016, December 31, 2016 and June 1, 2017, respectively, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the Issuer, and will be subject to accelerated vesting under certain conditions. The LTIP Units have no expiration date. The LTIP Units were issued pursuant to the Issuer's Amended and Restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan.

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