

Merchant Fazal F
Form 4
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Merchant Fazal F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.
[RHP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
705 VIA DEL MONTE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/16/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

PALOS VERDES
ESTATES, CA 90274

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0						<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	257

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merchant Fazal F 705 VIA DEL MONTE PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CA 90274	X			

Signatures

Scott J. Lynn, Attorney-in-Fact for Fazal F. Merchant	04/16/2018
__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) Mr. Merchant has deferred vesting of these restricted stock units until either a designated date or the termination of his service as a director.
- (2) In accordance with the terms of the reporting person's outstanding restricted stock unit awards, as a result of the \$0.85 dividend per share of outstanding common stock paid by the issuer on April 16, 2018, the reporting person received additional restricted stock units in an amount based on the amount of the dividend per share and the closing price of the issuer's common stock traded on the NYSE on March 30, 2018.

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