PATEL KIRAN P Form 4 March 17, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PATEL KIRAN P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

[HT]

03/16/2009

(Check all applicable)

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

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST, 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

7. Nature of 5. Amount of Indirect Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4)

Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 4)

Ι

(D)

Price Code V Amount

Class A Common Shares of

Beneficial

Interest

03/16/2009

12,600 A

183,600

By family partnership Kunj

Associates

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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.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
	Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
	Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
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						(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)							
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							Exercisable Date	Expiration		or Number		
								Date		of		
					Code V	(A) (D)		Shares				
					Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PATEL KIRAN P

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST
510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

Signatures

Ashish R. Parikh as attorney-in-fact for Kiran P.
Patel 03/16/2009

**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).

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