

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 \*  
Shah Jay H

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/13/2008

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

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST, 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

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

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

(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 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)**

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| 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) |                                      |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                | Amount Number Shares |
| Partnership Units                          | (1)  | 06/13/2008                           |  | J(2)                           | 143,576   | 06/13/2008   | (3)   | Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 143,576              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Shah Jay H<br>HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST<br>510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR<br>PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

Ashish R. Parikh as attorney-in-fact for Jay H. Shah  
 Date: 06/17/2008  
 \*\*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) Partnership Units in Hersha Hospitality Limited Partnership are redeemable for Common Shares of Beneficial Interest in Hersha Hospitality Trust on a one for one basis.
- (2) The Partnership Units were acquired as consideration for the sale of interests in Hersha Conduit Associates, LLC, the owners of the land, hotel and improvements of the JFK Sheraton located in Jamaica, New York, to Hersha Hospitality Limited Partnership.
- (3) None.

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