

Chaffin Patrick S  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol   |  |
| Â Chaffin Patrick S                       |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. [RHP]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| ONE GAYLORD DRIVE                         |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)<br>SVP, Asset Management |  |
| NASHVILLE,Â TNÂ 37214                     |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)   |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|                                    |  |   |  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

|   |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|   | Date Exercisable    Expiration Date                         | Title    Amount or Number of Shares  |  |  |  |

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|                             |       |            |              |       |          |   |   |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|--------------|-------|----------|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Unit       | Â (1) | Â (1)      | Common Stock | 3,554 | \$ 0     | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Unit       | Â (2) | Â (2)      | Common Stock | 2,062 | \$ 0     | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Unit       | Â (3) | Â (3)      | Common Stock | 3,554 | \$ 0     | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (4) | 02/09/2015 | Common Stock | 488   | \$ 32.98 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (5) | 02/08/2016 | Common Stock | 915   | \$ 36.33 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (6) | 02/07/2017 | Common Stock | 1,219 | \$ 46.03 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (7) | 02/04/2018 | Common Stock | 4,024 | \$ 25.44 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (8) | 02/04/2019 | Common Stock | 2,379 | \$ 8.45  | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (9) | 02/03/2020 | Common Stock | 3,171 | \$ 16.47 | D | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Chaffin Patrick S<br>ONE GAYLORD DRIVE<br>NASHVILLE, TN 37214 | Â             | Â         | Â SVP, Asset Management | Â     |

## Signatures

Scott J. Lynn, Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick S. Chaffin 01/11/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Restricted stock unit vests 50% on a one to one share basis on May 6, 2013 and 50% on May 6, 2014.
- (2) Restricted stock unit vests 50% on a one to one share basis on February 2, 2014 and 50% on February 2, 2015.
- (3) Restricted stock unit vests 50% on a one to one share basis on February 8, 2015 and 50% on February 8, 2016.
- (4) Stock option vests ratably over four years beginning on February 9, 2006.
- (5) Stock option vests ratably over four years beginning on February 8, 2007.
- (6) Stock option vests ratably over four years beginning on February 7, 2008.
- (7) Stock option vests ratably over four years beginning on February 4, 2009.

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(8) Stock option vests ratably over four years beginning on February 4, 2010.

(9) Stock option vests ratably over four years beginning on February 3, 2011.

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