RLJ Lodging Trust Form 4 February 17, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hale Leslie D.

(First)

C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST, 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, **SUITE 1000**

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2017

Symbol

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) COO and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

BETHESDA, MD 20814

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					()		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Camman			Code v		(D)				
Common Shares	02/15/2017		A	50,526 (1)	A	\$ 23.75	377,381	D	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	of	Derivative	Deriv
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	Derivative				Securities Acquired			(Instr. 3	r. 3 and 4)		Own
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								of			
				Code V	(A) (D)				hares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hale Leslie D. C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000 BETHESDA, MD 20814

COO and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells, Attorney-in-Fact

02/17/2017

**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).

These common shares were issued to the reporting person pursuant to RLJ Lodging Trust 2015 Equity Incentive Plan and will vest on a quarterly basis over a four year period from the award date provided the reporting person remains employed by the Issuer through the

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