PARIKH ASHISH R

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** PARIKH ASHISH R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST [HT]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR (Street)			03/21/2013	below) below) Chief Financial Officer			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PHILADELP	HIA, PA 1	9106	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I. New Desiration Committee A.	and Discount of an Banafisially Owner			

(City)	(State)	Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-L	Derivative Se	ecuriti	es Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	03/21/2013	03/21/2013	Code V	Amount 27,700	(D)	Price \$ 5.952	(Instr. 3 and 4) 395,462	D	
Class A Common Shares of Benficial Interest	03/20/2013	03/20/2013	A	93,361 (1)	A	\$ 0	488,823	D	
	03/20/2013	03/20/2013	Α		A	\$ 0	887,759	D	

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Class A 398,936
Common (2)
Shares of
Beneficial
Interest

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Under Securi	ount of erlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PARIKH ASHISH R 510 WALNUT STREET 9TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Ashish R. Parikh, as attorney-in-fact 03/25/2013

**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)

Reporting Owners 2

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Reflects restricted common shares granted under the 2012 Hersha Hospitality Trust Equity Incentive Plan in settlement of awards made to the Reporting Person under the 2012 annual long-term incentive program.

(2) Reflects restricted common shares granted under the 2012 Hersha Hospitality Trust Equity Incentive Plan in settlement of awards made to the Reporting Person under the 2009 multi-year long-term incentive program.

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