

RLJ Lodging Trust
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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 *
Hale Leslie D.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

BETHESDA, MD 20814

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/28/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CFO and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Disposed of (A) or (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Common Shares | 07/28/2015 | | A | (A) 95,333 (1) | \$ 30.06 318,659 | D | |
| Common Shares | 07/28/2015 | | F | (D) 23,781 (2) | \$ 30.06 294,878 | 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)

| 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | 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

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BETHESDA, MD 20814

CFO and Treasurer

Signatures

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

07/30/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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These securities were issued to the reporting person pursuant to the RLJ Lodging Trust 2012 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, which provided for the conversion of performance units to a number of restricted common shares based on the Company's performance over a designated 3 year performance period. 50% of the restricted common shares vested on the date of issuance, with the remaining 50% vesting on July 28, 2016, provided the reporting person remains employed by the Issuer through the vesting date.

(1) Reflects common shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted common shares as described in footnote 1.

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