HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

Form 4 April 01, 2016

FORM 4

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

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Shah Neil H

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1(b).

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

[HT]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/30/2016

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

Person

Issuer

HARRISBURG, PA 17102

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

6. Ownership Form: Direct (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(A) 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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

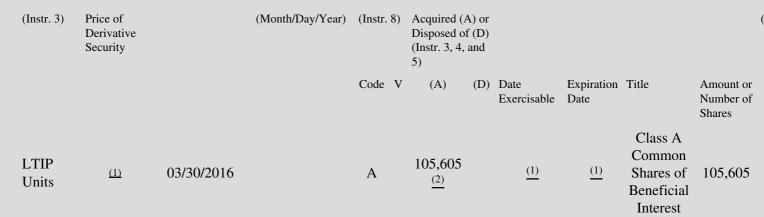
Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shah Neil H 44 HERSHA DRIVE HARRISBURG, PA 17102

President and COO

Signatures

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

04/01/2016

**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).
 - LTIP Units are a class of limited partnership units in Hersha Hospitality Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), of which the Issuer is the general partner, and represent a profit interest in the Operating Partnership. Initially, the LTIP Units do not have full parity with the Operating Partnership's common units of limited partnership interest ("Common Units") with respect to liquidating distributions.
- (1) Upon the occurrence of certain "book-up" events described in the Operating Partnership's partnership agreement, the LTIP Units can over time achieve full parity with the Common Units for all purposes. If such parity is reached, vested LTIP Units are convertible into Common Units and, upon conversion and subject to the applicable holding period, may be redeemed for cash in an amount equal to the then fair market value of an equal number of the Issuer's common shares, as determined by the Issuer at its election.
- (2) Reflects restricted LTIP Units granted under the Amended and Restated Hersha Hospitality Trust 2012 Equity Incentive Plan in settlement of awards made to the Reporting Person under the 2015 annual long-term incentive program.

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