### HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

Form 5/A March 16, 2015

## FORM 5

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Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Shah Neil H Symbol HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST (Check all applicable) [HT] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2014 President and COO 44 HERSHA DRIVE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) 02/13/2015

### HARRISBURG, Â PAÂ 17102

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

\_X\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person \_\_\_ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Acquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned at end Indirect (I) Ownership of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

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

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

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or		

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	Derivative Security					osed of (D) . 3, 4, and				
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
Partnership Units	Â	12/31/2014(2)	Â	G4	Â	44,608	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	44,6
Partnership Units	Â	12/31/2014 <u>(2)</u>	12/31/2014	G4	Â	140,513	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	140,:
Partnership Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	314,9
Partnership Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	457,3
Partnership Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	832,3
LTIP Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)(5)	(4)(5)	Class A Common Shares of Beneficial	582,

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Interest

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Shah Neil H
44 HERSHA DRIVE Â Â Â President and COO Â
HARRISBURG, PAÂ 17102

## **Signatures**

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

03/16/2015

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- In general, Partnership Units issued by Hersha Hospitality Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership") may be redeemed, beginning one year after their issuance (unless otherwise agreed to by Hersha Hospitality Trust (the "Trust")), for cash equal to the market value of an equivalent number of the Trust's common shares or, at the option of the Trust, the Trust may acquire Partnership Units tendered for redemption by issuing one common share for each Partnership Unit tendered for redemption. Partnership Units have no expiration date.
- (2) This Form 5 is being amended to include the distributions of the partnership units from the 2010 and 2011 GRATs to other entities owned fully or in part by the Reporting Person. These distributions were omitted from the Form 5 filed on February 13, 2015.
- (3) Upon the maturity of the Neil H. Shah 2010 GRAT and the Neil H. Shah 2011 GRAT, 49,974 Partnership Units were distributed to the Neil and Juhi Shah 2008 Family Trust. The remaining 135,147 Partnership Units were transferred back to Neil in his individual capacity.
  - 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.
- (4) 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.
- 177,197, 85,004, 110,138, 85,004, 40,117 and 85,002 LTIP Units will vest on December 31, 2014, June 1, 2015, December 31, 2015,

  June 1, 2016, December 31, 2016 and June 1, 2017, respectively, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the Issuer, and will be subject to accelerated vesting under certain conditions. The LTIP Units have no expiration date. The LTIP Units were issued pursuant to the Issuer's Amended and Restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan.

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