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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>^</u> MCCARTHY ROBERT			 Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 	^g 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/09/2018	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		;	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O RLJ LO BETHESDA SUITE 1000	A METRO		(Check all applicable) X_ Director 10% Owne		Owner			
(Street) BETHESDA, MD 20814				OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	•	
Common Sh	ares		0		D	Â		
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)								
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect
			Shares		(I)
					(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
MCCARTHY ROBERT C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1 BETHESDA, MD 20814	000	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	
Signatures						
/s/ Anita Cooke Wells, Attorney-in-Fact	02/20/2	2018				
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Dat	e				

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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