FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Hale Leslie D. 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2011			nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ]							
	(First) OGING TRUST	(Middle)				lationship of Reporting Perso ck all applicable) Director	10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
3 BETHESDA 1000	SETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE				X Officer (give title below) CFO and Trease		Other (specify below) Surer		Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(Street) BETHESDA	MD	20814							Form filed b Reporting P	y More than One erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)				2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)				4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Share	es					0(1)	D				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable at Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ate	and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
			Date Exercisable	Expiratio Date	n Tit		Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security			

Explanation of Responses:

1. Concurrently with the closing of RLJ Lodging Trust's (the "Company") initial public offering, Ms. Hale will receive (i) shares of beneficial interest ("common shares") in the Company in connection with the formation transactions and (ii) restricted shares in the Company, vesting ratably on each of the first 16 quarterly anniversaries of the date of grant, under the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24: Power of Attorney

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells, Attorney-in-Fact 05/10/2011

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Thomas J. Baltimore, Jr. and Anita Cooke Wells, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or trustee of RLJ Lodging Trust (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, and any other forms or reports the undersigned may be required to file in connection with the undersigned's ownership, acquisition, or disposition of securities of the Company;
- do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, and in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 4th day of May, 2011.

/s/ Leslie D. Hale

Name: Leslie D. Hale