FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Gormsen Christopher Andrew |                                                                                                                                              |                            |           |                                         |               | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLJ Lodging Trust [ RLJ ]                                             |                                                          |                                                                |                 |                                  |                                                                                                   |            |                           |                                          | k all app<br>Direc                                                                                                       | ationship of Reporting all applicable) Director Officer (give title                                                                      |                                                                          | 10% O                                                             |         |  |
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|                                                                      | (Fi<br>LODGING                                                                                                                               | G TRUST                    | Middle)   | 1000                                    |               | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2021                                                       |                                                          |                                                                |                 |                                  |                                                                                                   |            |                           |                                          | belov                                                                                                                    | below)  Chief Accou                                                                                                                      |                                                                          | below)                                                            | specify |  |
| (Street) BETHES (City)                                               | SDA M                                                                                                                                        | DA MD 20814  (State) (Zip) |           |                                         |               |                                                                                                                   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |                                                                |                 |                                  |                                                                                                   |            |                           |                                          |                                                                                                                          | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  2)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                                                          |                                                                   |         |  |
|                                                                      |                                                                                                                                              | Table                      | I - No    | n-Deriva                                | ative S       | Secu                                                                                                              | rities                                                   | Acq                                                            | uired,          | Dis                              | posed of                                                                                          | , or E     | Benef                     | iciall                                   | / Own                                                                                                                    | ed                                                                                                                                       |                                                                          |                                                                   |         |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da           |                                                                                                                                              |                            |           |                                         | Exec<br>if an | Deemed<br>ecution Date,<br>ny<br>onth/Day/Year)                                                                   |                                                          |                                                                |                 | 4. Securitie<br>Disposed (<br>5) |                                                                                                   |            | 4 and Secur<br>Benet      |                                          | cially<br>I Following                                                                                                    | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)                                                                        |                                                                          | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |         |  |
|                                                                      |                                                                                                                                              |                            |           |                                         |               |                                                                                                                   |                                                          |                                                                | Code            | v                                | Amount                                                                                            | (A)<br>(D) | or Pr                     | ice                                      | Transa                                                                                                                   | saction(s)<br>r. 3 and 4)                                                                                                                |                                                                          |                                                                   | (5 4)   |  |
| Common                                                               | non Shares 04/30/2                                                                                                                           |                            |           |                                         | 021           |                                                                                                                   |                                                          |                                                                | A               |                                  | 1,492(1)                                                                                          | A          | \$                        | 16.14                                    | 14 57,499                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                          | D                                                                 |         |  |
| Common                                                               | Shares                                                                                                                                       |                            |           | 04/30/2                                 | 2021          |                                                                                                                   |                                                          |                                                                | F               |                                  | 225 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                                | Г          | \$                        | 16.37                                    | 5                                                                                                                        | 57,274 D                                                                                                                                 |                                                                          |                                                                   |         |  |
|                                                                      | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                            |           |                                         |               |                                                                                                                   |                                                          |                                                                |                 |                                  |                                                                                                   |            |                           |                                          |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                          |                                                                   |         |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                  | ative Conversion Date Execution Date, if any                                                                                                 |                            | ion Date, | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |               | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |                                                          | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 |                                  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Inst<br>3 and 4) |            | De<br>Se<br>(In           | Price of<br>ivative<br>curity<br>str. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(<br>(Instr. 4) | у                                                                                                                                        | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>t (Instr. 4)                           |         |  |
|                                                                      |                                                                                                                                              |                            |           |                                         | Code          | v                                                                                                                 | (A)                                                      | (D)                                                            | Date<br>Exercis | able                             | Expiration<br>Date                                                                                | Title      | or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share | er                                       |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                          |                                                                   |         |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These securities were issued to the reporting person pursuant to the RLJ Lodging Trust 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, which provided for the conversion of performance units to a number of restricted common shares based on the Issuer's performance over a designated three-year performance period. 50% of the restricted common shares vested on the date of issuance, with the remaining 50% vesting on February 21, 2022, provided the reporting person remains employed by the Issuer through the vesting date.
- 2. Reflects common shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of the restricted common shares described above.

## Remarks:

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

05/04/2021

\*\* 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 4 (b)(v).
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