

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>JOHNSON ROBERT L</b> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST</b> <b>3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000</b> _____ (Street) <b>BETHESDA MD 20814</b> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>RLJ Lodging Trust [ RLJ ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Executive Chairman</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>05/18/2019</b>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	05/18/2019		F		717 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$18.77	1,214,458	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
OP Units	(2)							(3)	(3)	Common Stock	335,250	335,250	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Reflects common shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted common shares.
- "OP Units" represent limited partner interests of RLJ Lodging Trust, L.P., the operating partnership (the "OP") of the Issuer, of which the Issuer is the sole general partner. OP Units are redeemable beginning one year after the date of issuance for cash equal to the then current market value of one common share of the Issuer or, at the election of the Issuer, an equal number of common shares of the Issuer.
- All of these OP Units are immediately redeemable (subject to certain limitations set forth in the agreement of limited partnership of the OP). OP Units have no expiration date.

**Remarks:**

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

05/21/2019

\*\* 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).

\*\* 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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