

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>JOHNSON ROBERT L</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST</u> <u>7373 WISCONSIN AVE., SUITE 1500</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>BETHESDA MD 20814</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RLJ Lodging Trust [ RLJ ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Executive Chairman</b></p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/20/2026</u>	
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	02/20/2026		A		92,952 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$8.23	1,568,562	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)					
OP Units	(2)						(3)	(3)	Common Stock	335,250	335,250	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These restricted shares, vesting ratably over three years on the yearly anniversary of the date of grant, were granted to the reporting person pursuant to the RLJ Lodging Trust 2021 Equity Incentive Plan.
- "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.

/s/ Leslie D. Hale, Attorney-in-Fact 02/24/2026

\*\* 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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