FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ] JOHNSON ROBERT L X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/20/2017 **Executive Chairman** C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Street) Form filed by One Reporting Person 20814 **BETHESDA** MD Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Execution Date, Transaction Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) 5) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Following (I) (Instr. 4) Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Price Code Amount (Instr. 3 and 4) 08/20/2017 Common Shares 735(1) \$19.61 1,200,552 D F D Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 3. Transaction 5. Number 7. Title and 8. Price of 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature Derivative Conversion Transaction Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Ownership of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security (Instr. 3) Securities Securities or Exercise if anv Code (Instr. Security Form: Beneficial Price of Derivative (Month/Day/Year) 8) Securities Underlying Derivative (Instr. 5) Beneficially Direct (D) Ownership Acquired Owned or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (A) or Disposed Security Security (Instr. 3 Following and 4) Reported of (D) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 4) and 5) Amount

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reflects common shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted common shares.

Code

Remarks:

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells, 08/22/2017 Attorney-in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Number

Shares

Expiration

Title

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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