FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  JOHNSON ROBERT L |  |  |   |                     |        | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLJ Lodging Trust [ RLJ ]  5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |          |                               |        |                                      |                        |  |                |               |   |   |                                 |  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
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| JOHNS  | SON ROE  | BEKI L                                     |   |                     | 1      | KES Loughing Trust [ KES ]   |          |                               |        |                                      |                        |  |                | X Directo     | or  |   | 10% O                           | wner   |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
| (Last)   | (Fi  | rst)                                       | (Middle)                                      |                     | 3. [   | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  |          |                               |        |                                      |                        |  |                |               | <b>-</b>   :  | Officer below)  | (give title                     |  | Other (<br>below)                     | specify                 |  |  |  |
| C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST                                      |  |  |   |                     | 06     | /16/20   | 022      |                               |        | ,                                    |                        |  |                |               |   | ]   | Executive                       | e Cha  | irman                                 |                         |  |  |  |
| 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000                        |  |  |   |                     |        |  |          |                               |        |                                      |                        |  |                |               |   |   |                                 |  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
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| (City)   | (Si  | tate)                                      | (Zip)   |                     |        |  |          |                               |        |                                      |                        |  |                |               |   | i eison   | ı                               |  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
|  |  | Tab  | le I - No                                     | n-Deri              | vativ  | e Sec  | curiti   | ies A                         | cqı    | uired, l                             | Dis                    | posed  | of, or         | Ben           | eficiall  | y Owned   | I                               |  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of S  | Security (Inst   | tr. 3)                                     |   | 2. Trans            |        |  |          | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date. |        | 3.<br>Transact                       | tion                   |  | ities Acq      |               |   | 5. Amou<br>Securitie  |                                 |  |                                       | 7. Nature of Indirect   |  |  |  |
| (Month/Da  |  |  |   |                     |        | ay/Year) if an   |          | if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)    |        | Code (Instr.                         |                        | Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4                                     |                |               | . 5, 4 anu .  | Benefici  | ally (                          | (D) o  | ) or Indirect                         | Beneficial              |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |   |                     |        |  |          |                               |        | 8)                                   |                        |  | Π.             |               |   | - Reported  |                                 | (i) (in  | nstr. 4)                              | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |   |                     |        |  |          |                               |        | Code V                               |                        | Amount   | (A<br>(C       | () or<br>()   | Price   | (Instr. 3   | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) |  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
| Common Shares 06/16  |  |  |   |                     | 6/2022 | 2022   |          |                               | Α      |                                      | 18,70                  | 7(1)   | A              | \$0           | 1,32  | 3,109   |                                 | D  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
| Common Shares 06/16/2                                      |  |  |   | 6/2022              | 2022   |  |          |                               | F      |                                      | 4,518 <sup>(2)</sup> I |  | D              | \$12.1        | 8 1,318,591   |   |                                 | D  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1  | Table II -                                    |                     |        |  |          |                               |        |                                      |                        |  |                |               |   | Owned   |                                 |  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |   | (e.g.,              | puts,  | calls  | s, wa    | rrant                         | ts, c  | option                               | s, c                   | onvert   | tible se       | cui           | rities)   |   |                                 |  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)        | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date, Trans<br>Code |        |  | of       |                               | Exp    | Date Exer<br>piration D<br>pnth/Day/ | ate                    | of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Sec<br>(Instr. 3 and 4 |                | ecurity<br>4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly Dire<br>or li<br>(l) (l      | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                         |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |   |                     |        |  |          |                               | Dat    | te                                   | _                      | piration   |                | 0             | mount<br>r<br>lumber                                |   |                                 |  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |   |                     | Code   | v  | (A)      | (D)                           |        | ercisable                            |                        |  | Title          |               | f Shares  |   |                                 |  |                                       |                         |  |  |  |
| OP Units   | (3)  |  |   |                     |        |  |          |                               |        | (4)                                  |                        | (4)  | Commo<br>Stock | $n \mid 3$    | 35,250  |   | 335,25                          | 50   | D                                     |                         |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These securities were issued to the reporting person pursuant to the RLJ Lodging Trust 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, which provides 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 13, 2023, 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.
- 3. "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.
- 4. 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/ Anita Cooke Wells, 06/21/2022 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* 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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