FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Bierkan Ross H.</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ]									. Rela Check	tionshi all app Direc	ip of Reporting Person(s) to plicable) ctor 10%		s) to Is	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/20/2018									X	Office	l	Other (specify below) and CEO		
(Street) BETHESDA MD 20814 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									. Indiv ine) X	Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tabl	e I - Nor	n-Deriva	ative	Se	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	r Ben	eficia	ally	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ar) i	Executio if any	A. Deemed xecution Date, any Month/Day/Year)				ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3,			4 and Se Be Ov		ount of ties cially d Following ted	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(1130.4)
Common Shares 05/20/											824(1)	D	D \$22.		2.1 660,054		D		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
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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.

Remarks:

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells, Attorney-in-Fact 05/23/2018

** 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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