

Shah Neil H
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Shah Neil H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST [HT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President and COO

510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	12/27/2012	12/27/2012	G4	300,000 D	\$ 0 908,653	D	^
Common Shares	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	300,000	I	By Neil and Juhi Shah 2008 Family Trust

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Partnership Units	Â	12/31/2012	Â	G4	Â	124,541	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Shares	124,5
Partnership Units	Â	12/31/2012	12/31/2012	G4	Â	55,256	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Shares	55,25
Partnership Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Shares	179,7
Partnership Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Shares	576,5
Partnership Units	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Shares	832,2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shah Neil H	Â	Â	Â President and COO	Â

510 WALNUT STREET
9TH FLOOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

Signatures

/s/ Ashish R. Parikh as attorney-in-fact for Neil H.
Shah

01/15/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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(1) In general, Partnership Units issued by Hersha Hospitality Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership") may be redeemed, beginning one year after their issuance (unless otherwise agreed to by Hersha Hospitality Trust (the "Trust")), for cash equal to the market value of an equivalent number of the Trust's common shares or, at the option of the Trust, the Trust may acquire Partnership Units tendered for redemption by issuing one common share for each Partnership Unit tendered for redemption. Partnership Units have no expiration date.

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