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Form 8-K

May 15, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

MAY 13, 2003 (MAY 13, 2003)
DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

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| Maryland | 001-14765 | 251811499 |
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| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

148 Sheraton Drive, Box A
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070

(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

(717) 770-2405

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company on May 13, 2003

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

This Current Report on Form 8-K and the earnings press release, attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, are being furnished by the Company pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K, in accordance with SEC Release Nos. 33-8216 and 34-47583, insofar as they disclose historical information regarding the Company's results of operations or financial condition for the first quarter ended March 31, 2003.

On May 13, 2003, the Company issued a press release regarding its earnings for the first quarter ended March 31, 2003. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST
(REGISTRANT)

Date: May 13, 2003

By: /s/ Ashish Parikh

Name: Ashish Parikh

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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