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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHAH HASU P			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST [HT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 510 WALNU FLOOR	(First) T STREET,	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2009	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	Perivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Class A Common			Code V	Amount	or (D)		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Shares of Beneficial Interest (1)	06/01/2009		A	83,893	A	\$0	108,756	D		
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest (2)							99,130	I	By family partnership Shree Associates	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	Derivative	e		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
					Date	Expiration	or Title Num			
						Exercisable Date				
									of	
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Manie / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHAH HASU P 510 WALNUT STREET

9TH FLOOR X Chairman of the Board

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

Signatures

Ashish R. Parikh as attorney-in-fact for Hasu P. Shah

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- Effective June 1, 2009, Hersha Hospitality Trust awarded restricted Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest to its executive

 (1) officers pursuant to its 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. Twenty-five percent of the restricted share award will vest on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) Upon vesting, holdings of Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest are transferred from direct ownership by the Reporting Person to indirect ownership by Shree Associates, a family partnership.

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