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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

À ELSZTAIN EDUARDO S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/04/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST [HT]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

STREET, 9TH FLOOR (Street)

HERSHA HOSPITALITY

TRUST, Â 510 WALNUT

(State)

PHILADELPHIA. PAÂ 19106

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(City)

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3.

Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

(I) (Instr. 5)

No securities owned

0

Â D

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D)

Exercisable Date Number of or Indirect

Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ELSZTAIN EDUARDO S HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PAÂ 19106

X Â Â Â

Signatures

/s/ Eduardo S. 08/14/2009 Elsztain

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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