

RLJ Lodging Trust  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**JOHNSON ROBERT L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST, 3  
BETHESDA METRO CENTER,  
SUITE 1000**

(Street)

**BETHESDA, MD 20814**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**07/28/2015**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Executive Chairman**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	07/28/2015		A	(A) V Amount 95,333 (1)	\$ 30.06	1,119,658	D
Common Shares	07/28/2015		F	(D) V Amount 23,781 (2)	\$ 30.06	1,095,877	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 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) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON ROBERT L C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000 BETHESDA, MD 20814	X		Executive Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 07/30/2015

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).
- (1) These securities were issued to the reporting person pursuant to the RLJ Lodging Trust 2012 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, which provided for the conversion of performance units to a number of restricted common shares based on the Company's performance over a designated 3 year performance period. 50% of the restricted common shares vested on the date of issuance, with the remaining 50% vesting on July 28, 2016, provided the reporting person remains employed by the Issuer through the vesting date.
- (2) Reflects common shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted common shares as described in footnote 1.

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