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

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to ____

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 001-14765

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

| Maryland | 251811499 |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| Organization) | |

| 44 Hersha Drive, Harrisburg, PA | 17102 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| (Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 236-4400

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (i) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (ii) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

xYes oNo

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Sec.232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

xYes oNo

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated

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filer. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer o Accelerated filer o Small reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

oYes xNo

As of May 1, 2013, the number of Class A common shares of beneficial interest outstanding was 202,554,624 and there were no Class B common shares outstanding.

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HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AS OF MARCH 31, 2013 [UNAUDITED] AND DECEMBER 31, 2012 [IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE/UNIT AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS]

| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Investment in Hotel Properties, net of Accumulated Depreciation, (including | ¢1.460.710 | ф1 4 <i>СС</i> 710 |
| consolidation of variable interest entity assets of \$86,673 and \$86,657) | \$1,469,719 | \$1,466,713 |
| Investment in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures | 14,257 | 16,007 |
| Development Loans Receivable | 15,282 | 28,425 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 83,060 | 69,059 |
| Escrow Deposits | 31,523 | 26,792 |
| Hotel Accounts Receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$44 and \$365 | 11,185 | 11,538 |
| Deferred Financing Costs, net of Accumulated Amortization of \$5,367 and \$4,841 | 7,987 | 8,695 |
| Due from Related Parties | 12,064 | 8,488 |
| Intangible Assets, net of Accumulated Amortization of \$2,783 and \$2,413 | 8,334 | 8,698 |
| Deposits on Hotel Acquisitions | 40,236 | 37,750 |
| Other Assets | 25,069 | 25,514 |
| | | |
| Total Assets | \$1,718,716 | \$1,707,679 |
| | | |
| Liabilities and Equity: | | |
| Line of Credit | \$ - | \$- |
| Unsecured Term Loan | 150,000 | 100,000 |
| Mortgages and Notes Payable, including net Unamortized Premium (including | , | , |
| consolidation of variable interest entity debt of \$56,864 and \$57,256) | 656,058 | 692,708 |
| Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities | 39,755 | 33,838 |
| Dividends and Distributions Payable | 15,223 | 15,621 |
| Due to Related Parties | 5,088 | 4,403 |
| | 5,000 | 1,105 |
| Total Liabilities | 866,124 | 846,570 |
| Total Liabilities | 800,124 | 840,370 |
| Padaamahla Nanaantralling Interasta Common Units (Note 1) | \$- | ¢15 201 |
| Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests - Common Units (Note 1) | Ф- | \$15,321 |
| | | |
| Equity: | | |
| Shareholders' Equity: | | |
| Preferred Shares: \$.01 Par Value, 29,000,000 shares Authorized, 7,600,000 Series B and | | |
| C Shares Issued and Oustanding at March 31, 2013 and 7,000,000 Series A and B shares | | |
| Issued and Outstanding at December 31, 2012, with liquidation preferences of \$25 per | | |
| share (Note 1) | 76 | 70 |
| Common Shares: Class A, \$.01 Par Value, 300,000,000 Shares Authorized at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, 202,553,150 and 198,672,356 Shares Issued and | | |
| Outstanding at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively | 2,026 | 1,986 |
| Common Shares: Class B, \$.01 Par Value, 1,000,000 Shares Authorized, None Issued and Outstanding | _ | _ |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (1,630) | (1,786) |
| Additional Paid-in Capital | | |
| Auunonai raiu-iii Capitai | 1,194,839 | 1,178,292 |

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| Distributions in Excess of Net Income | (372,831) | (348,734) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Shareholders' Equity | 822,480 | 829,828 |
| | | |
| Noncontrolling Interests (Note 1): | | |
| Noncontrolling Interests - Common Units | 29,837 | 15,484 |
| Noncontrolling Interests - Consolidated Variable Interest Entity | 275 | 476 |
| Total Noncontrolling Interests | 30,112 | 15,960 |
| | | |
| Total Equity | 852,592 | 845,788 |
| | | |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$1,718,716 | \$1,707,679 |

The Accompanying Notes Are an Integral Part of These Consolidated Financial Statements.

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HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2013 AND 2012 (UNAUDITED) [IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE/UNIT AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS]

| | Three Months Ended | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Revenue: | | |
| Hotel Operating Revenues | \$76,790 | \$64,854 |
| Interest Income from Development Loans | 146 | 621 |
| Other Revenues | 34 | 62 |
| Total Revenues | 76,970 | 65,537 |
| | | |
| Operating Expenses: | | |
| Hotel Operating Expenses | 48,364 | 40,350 |
| Gain on Insurance Settlements | (403 |) - |
| Hotel Ground Rent | 228 | 194 |
| Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes and Property Insurance | 6,666 | 5,110 |
| General and Administrative (including Share Based Payments of \$2,388 and \$2,133) | 4,996 | 5,168 |
| Acquisition and Terminated Transaction Costs | 3 | 958 |