

Bierkan Ross H.
Form 4
May 16, 2011

FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bierkan Ross H.

(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)

05/16/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Investment Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	05/16/2011		A	Amount (1) 293,662	(A) or (D) A \$ 0 293,662	D	
Common Shares	05/16/2011		A	Amount (2) 110,000	(A) or (D) A \$ 0 403,662	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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Units	(3)	05/16/2011		A	(3)	67,050		05/10/2012	(3)	Common Shares	67,050

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bierkan Ross H.
C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST
3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000
BETHESDA, MD 20814

Chief Investment Officer

Signatures

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/16/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents 293,662 shares of beneficial interest ("common shares") received by Mr. Bierkan in connection with RLJ Lodging Trust's (the "Company") formation transactions.

(2) Concurrently with the closing of the Company's initial public offering, the Company granted 110,000 restricted shares to Mr. Bierkan, vesting ratably on each of the first 16 quarterly anniversaries of the date of grant, under the Company's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan.

(3) Represents 67,050 units of limited partnership interests ("OP Units") in the operating partnership of the Company, RLJ Lodging Trust, L.P., of which the Company is the general partner, that Mr. Bierkan received in connection with the Company's formation transactions. OP Units are redeemable for an equal number of the Company's common shares, or at the election of the Company, cash equal to the fair market value of such shares. OP Units have no expiration date.

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