JOHNSON ROBERT L

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JOHNSON ROBERT L Issuer Symbol RLJ Lodging Trust [RLJ] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O RLJ LODGING TRUST, 3 08/16/2012 below) BETHESDA METRO CENTER, **Executive Chairman SUITE 1000** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting BETHESDA, MD 20814

| (City) | (State) (2 | Table | e I - Non-Do | erivative Securities Ac | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | lly Owned |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | n(A) or Disposed of | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (D) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | (4) | Reported | | |
| | | | | (A) | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | or Amount (D) Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Shares | 08/16/2012 | | F | $\begin{array}{ccc} 2,798 & \text{D} & \$ \\ \frac{(1)}{} & 17.6 \end{array}$ | 1,290,661 | D | |

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

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| | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Titl | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transact Code (Instr. 8) | orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | : | | Amou Under Securi (Instr. | lying | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | 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 | X | | Executive Chairman | | | |
| 3 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, SUITE 1000 | 0 Executive Char | | Executive Chairman | iaii | | |
| BETHESDA, MD 20814 | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Anita Cooke Wells,
Attorney-in-Fact 08/17/2012

**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) Reflects common shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with vesting of restricted common shares.

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