

Hutchison Thomas J III  
 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 \*  
 Hutchison Thomas J III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST [HT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/21/2008

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

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST, 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	11/21/2008		P	10,000	A	\$ 2.41	42,823.6183 D
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	11/21/2008		P	30,000	A	\$ 2.6	72,823.6183 D

Class A  
Common  
Shares of 11/21/2008 P 4,000 A \$ 4,000 (1) 2.75 I By wife  
Beneficial  
Interest

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

Table with 9 columns: 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). Includes sub-headers for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Title or Number of Shares.

## Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Row 1: Hutchison Thomas J III, HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST, 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106, with 'X' under 10% Owner.

## Signatures

Ashish R. Parikh as attorney-in-fact for Thomas J. Hutchison III 11/25/2008  
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).

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