Hutchison Thomas J III
Form 4
December 31, 2009

FORM 4

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST, 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR

(Street)

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest (1)	12/31/2009		A		3,600	A	$ 0	310,324 (2)	D	
Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest (3)								7,000 (3)	I	By spouse

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne 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
Hutchison Thomas J III HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST 510 WALNUT STREET, 9TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106	X			

Signatures

/s/ Ashish R. Parikh as attorney-in-fact for Thomas J. Hutchison III — 12/31/2009

**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) Hersha Hospitality Trust issued 3,600 Class A Common Shares of Beneficial Interest to each of its Independent Trustees on December 31, 2009 pursuant to its 2008 Equity Incentive Plan.

(2) Includes 10,615 Class A Common Shares acquired through a broker-administered dividend reinvestment plan which reinvests distributions on terms substantially similar to those set forth in the Dividend Reimbursement Plan maintained by Hersha Hospitality Trust.

(3) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose. The Reporting Person previously reported the purchase of these securities by the Reporting Person's spouse on a Form 4 filed December 16, 2008.

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