HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST Form 3 March 21, 2011 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT GROUP III I	Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST [HT]				
(Last) (First) (Middl	le)	4. Relationship Person(s) to Iss	1 0		5. If Amendment, Date Original	
CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET			ll applicable)		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street)		DirectorX10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)		0 11 11 1	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting	
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(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivativ	ve Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)	Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne: (Instr.	•	
Class A Common Shares of E Interest	Beneficial 3,864,000	I	D	Â		
Reminder: Report on a separate line owned directly or indirectly.	for each class of securities benefic	cially SE	C 1473 (7-02))		
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Table II - Derivative	Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, v	varrants, opt	ions, co	onvertible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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		(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT GROUP III LP CLARENDON HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET HAMILTONÂ HM CX	Â	ÂX	Â	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Eduardo S. Elsztain, Chairman of the Board of Jiwin S.A., General Partner for Real Estate 03/21/2011 Investment Group III LP.

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Remarks:

We are adding Real Estate Investment Group III L.P. in connection with an internal reorganization,Â

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