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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Westbrook Bennett D Issuer Symbol Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. (Check all applicable) [RHP] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) ONE GAYLORD DRIVE 03/15/2018 EVP, Chief Development Officer (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 NASHVILLE, TN 37214 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Dominative Committee Assumed Disposed of an Domeficially Or

| (City) | (State) (2 | Table | e I - Non-Do | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------|---|--------|---|------------------|---|-----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | ansaction Date 2A. Deemed (th/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2018 | | M | 861 | A | \$0 | 16,257 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2018 | | F | 339 (1) | D | \$ 0 | 15,918 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2018 | | M | 4,100 | A | \$ 0 | 20,018 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2018 | | F | 1,614 (2) | D | \$0 | 18,404 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2018 | | M | 985 | A | \$0 | 19,389 | D | |

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| Common Stock | 03/15/2018 | F | 388 (3) | D | \$0 | 19,001 | D |
|-----------------|------------|---|---------|---|-----|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 03/15/2018 | M | 768 | A | \$0 | 19,769 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2018 | F | 303 (4) | D | \$0 | 19,466 | D |

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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) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 03/15/2018 | | M | 861 | 03/15/2018 | 03/15/2019 | Common Stock | 861 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 03/15/2018 | | M | 4,100 | 03/15/2018 | 03/15/2018 | Common Stock | 4,100 |
| Common Stock | \$ 0 | 03/15/2018 | | M | 985 | 03/15/2018 | 03/15/2020 | Common Stock | 985 |
| Common Stock | \$ 0 | 03/15/2018 | | M | 768 | 03/15/2018 | 03/15/2021 | Common Stock | 768 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Westbrook Bennett D ONE GAYLORD DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37214 | | | EVP, Chief Development Officer | | | |

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Scott J. Lynn, Attorney-in-Fact for Bennett Westbrook

03/19/2018

**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).
- Represents shares withheld to satisfy Mr. Westbrook's tax withholding obligation with respect to the 861 shares of common stock issued upon the vesting of time-based restricted stock units (including accrued dividend equivalent units payable in additional shares of common stock) on 3/15/18. Mr. Westbrook retained the remaining 522 shares.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to satisfy Mr. Westbrook's tax withholding obligation with respect to the 4,100 shares of common stock issued upon the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units on 3/15/18. Mr. Westbrook retained the remaining 2,486 shares.
- Represents shares withheld to satisfy Mr. Westbrook's tax withholding obligation with respect to the 985 shares of common stock issued upon the vesting of time-based restricted stock units (including accrued dividend equivalent units payable in additional shares of common stock) on 3/15/18. Mr. Westbrook retained the remaining 597 shares.
- Represents shares withheld to satisfy Mr. Westbrook's tax withholding obligation with respect to the 768 shares of common stock issued upon the vesting of time-based restricted stock units (including accrued dividend equivalent units payable in additional shares of common stock) on 3/15/18. Mr. Westbrook retained the remaining 465 shares.

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