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February 24, 2004

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Registration No. 333-_____

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

MARYLAND
(State or other jurisdiction)
of incorporation or organization

251811499
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

148 SHERATON DRIVE, BOX A
NEW CUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA 17070
(717) 770-2405
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, including
Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. []

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. [X]

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effective registration statement for the same offering.[]

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| TITLE OF EACH CLASS OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED | MAXIMUM AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01 per share | |
| Preferred Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$0.01 per share. | \$ 200,000,00 |
| Debt Securities (1) | |