

RLJ Lodging Trust  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2012

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **May 11, 2012**

**RLJ LODGING TRUST**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-35169**  
(Commission File Number)

**27-4706509**  
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**3 Bethesda Metro Center**  
**Suite 100**  
**Bethesda, MD**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**20814**  
(Zip Code)

**(301) 280-7777**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On May 11, 2012, Julio E. Morales resigned as Chief Accounting Officer of RLJ Lodging Trust (the Company) to pursue other opportunities. Mr. Morales' resignation is effective as of May 25, 2012. The Company has initiated a search for a new Chief Accounting Officer. Leslie D. Hale, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Senior Vice President, Real Estate and Finance, will serve as the Company's interim Chief Accounting Officer until a new Chief Accounting Officer is hired.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RLJ LODGING TRUST

Date: May 17, 2012

By:

/s/ Thomas J. Baltimore, Jr.  
**Thomas J. Baltimore, Jr.**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**