

ODONNELL MICHAEL P
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ODONNELL MICHAEL P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.
[RUTH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1030 W. CANTON AVE. STE 100
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman & CEO

WINTER PARK, FL 32789

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or Price (D) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2018 | | F | | 5,240 (1) \$ 24.9 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2018 | | F | | 4,722 (1) \$ 24.9 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2018 | | A | | 24,084 A \$ 0 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2018 | | A | | 27,273 A \$ 0 (3) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,800 | I | By Wife's IRA |

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ODONNELL MICHAEL P 1030 W. CANTON AVE. STE 100 WINTER PARK, FL 32789 | X | | Chairman & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Alice G. Givens, under Power of Attorney 03/13/2018

**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).
- (1) The reported disposition represents the withholding of shares to cover tax obligations arising from the vesting of restricted stock.

Consists of shares of restricted stock, granted pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan
 - (2) after the Compnay's compensation committee determined that certain performance goals for 2017 had been met. The shares will vest on March 13, 2020, the second anniversary of the date of grant.
 - (3) Consists of shares of restricted stock, granted pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan, which vest pro rata on an annual basis over the three-year period following March 13, 2018, the date of grant.

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