

Summit Hotel Properties, Inc.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
RUIZ PAUL

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 12600 HILL COUNTRY BLVD.,
 SUITE R-100
 (Street)

AUSTIN, TX 78738

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Summit Hotel Properties, Inc. [INN]

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

03/08/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 VP & Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock (Time-Based Vesting)	03/08/2016		A		7,299 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 44,529	D
Common Stock (Performance-Based Vesting)	03/08/2016		A		10,949 <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 0 55,478	D

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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUIZ PAUL 12600 HILL COUNTRY BLVD., SUITE R-100 AUSTIN, TX 78738			VP & Chief Accounting Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Christopher R. Eng, as
Attorney-in-Fact

03/10/2016

**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) Represents shares of restricted common stock granted to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan as amended and restated effective June 15, 2015. The restricted shares shall become vested and nonforfeitable, subject to the reporting person's continued service as an employee of the Issuer, on March 9, 2017 (25% of the shares granted), March 9, 2018 (25% of the shares granted) and March 9, 2019 (the remaining 50% of the shares granted).
- (2) Represents shares of restricted common stock granted to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2011 Equity Incentive Plan as amended and restated effective June 15, 2015. The restricted shares shall become vested and nonforfeitable on March 8, 2019, if the reporting person remains in the continued service as an employee of the Issuer and the Issuer's cumulative total shareholder return (TSR) for the period starting March 8, 2016 and ending March 8, 2019 exceeds at least 25.5% of its peer group, which shall include constituents of the SNL US REIT Hotel Index. The number of shares will convert at a range from 25% to 200% of the shares granted to the reporting person based upon the Issuer's cumulative TSR performance compared to its peer group for the reporting period.

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