

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Smith Gordon H</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 6903 ROCKLEDGE DRIVE SUITE 1500 (Street) BETHESDA MD 20817 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/09/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HOST HOTELS & RESORTS, INC. [HST]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

By: Elizabeth A. Abdoo For: Gordon H. Smith 07/20/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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CONFIRMING STATEMENT

This Statement confirms that the undersigned has authorized and designated Elizabeth A. Abdo or William K. Kelso to execute and file on the his behalf all Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of his ownership of or transactions in securities of Host Hotels and Resorts, Inc. The authority of Elizabeth A. Abdo or William K. Kelso under this Statement shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with securities of Host Hotels and Resorts, Inc., unless earlier revoked in writing. Mr. Smith acknowledges that Elizabeth A. Abdo or William K. Kelso is not assuming, nor is Host Hotels and Resorts, Inc., any of his responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Signature on File _____
Gordon H. Smith

Dated: 7/8/09