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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc. [RUTH] A Mirdamadi Susan (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1030 W CANTON AVE STE (Check all applicable) 100 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting **SVP Chief Services Officer** Person WINTER PARK, Â FLÂ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 125,145 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect
Exercisable Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mirdamadi Susan

1030 W CANTON AVE STE 100 SVP Chief Services Officer WINTER PARK, FLÂ

**Signatures** 

/s/ Alice G. Givens, under Power of Attorney 02/15/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
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Represents shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the Company's 2005 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan as follows: (i) 1,090 shares which vest on 3/9/2018; (ii) 50,000 shares which vest 25% on each of 6/15/2018, 6/15/2019, 6/15/2020 and 6/15/2021; (iii) 6,254

(1) shares which vest on 3/3/2018; (iv) 1,508 shares which vest on 3/3/2018 and 1,511 shares which vest on 3/3/2019; (v) 5,403 shares which vest on 3/11/2019; (vi) 4,240 shares which vest one-third on each of 3/11/2018, 3/11/2019 and 3/11/2020; and (vii) 15,000 shares which vest 25% on each of 4/25/2020, 4/25/2021, 4/25/2022 and 4/25/2023.

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