

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 4

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**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
 SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**Bennett Monty J**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
 Symbol

**ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST  
 INC [AHT]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**14185 DALLAS  
 PARKWAY, SUITE 1100**

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/20/2015**

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
**CEO and Chairman of the Board**

**DALLAS, TX 75254**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
 Applicable Line)  
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 Person

**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	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Special Limited Partnership Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0	03/20/2015	A		478,969		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Special Limited Partnership Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0						<u>(1)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Special Limited Partnership Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0						<u>(1)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Common Limited Partnership Units <u>(6)</u>	\$ 0						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock <u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>
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Common Limited Partnership Units <u>(6)</u>	\$ 0						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock <u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bennett Monty J 14185 DALLAS PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DALLAS, TX 75254	X		CEO and Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

/s/ MONTY J.  
BENNETT

03/24/2015

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).

- Special long-term incentive partnership units ("LTIP Units") in Ashford Hospitality Limited Partnership, the Issuer's operating subsidiary ("Subsidiary"). Vested LTIP Units, upon achieving parity with the Common Limited Partnership Units of the Subsidiary ("Common Units"), are convertible into Common Units at the option of the Reporting Person. Common Units are redeemable for cash or, at the option of the Issuer, convertible into shares of the Issuer's common stock based on a conversion ratio described in the partnership agreement of Subsidiary, which, on March 20, 2015, was 0.92472 shares of the Issuer's common stock for each Common Unit.
- (1) The LTIP Units reported herein vest and are convertible in three substantially equal installments on the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.
  - (2) Neither the Common Units nor the LTIP Units have an expiration date.
  - (3) Per LTIP Unit purchase price.
  - (4) Includes LTIP Units previously granted to, and reported by, the Reporting Person having different grant and vesting dates, some of which
    - (5) (i) may have achieved parity with the Common Units, (ii) have not yet achieved parity with the Common Units, (iii) are currently vested, or (iv) have not yet vested.
  - (5) Common Units currently held by the Reporting Person, some of which may have been converted from LTIPs by the Reporting Person.
  - (6) Common Units are redeemable for cash or, at the option of the Issuer, convertible into shares of the Issuer's common stock based on a conversion ratio described in the partnership agreement of Subsidiary, which, on March 20, 2015, was 0.92472 shares of the Issuer's common stock for each Common Unit.
  - (7) Common Units held directly by Ashford Financial Corporation, reflecting only the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the Common Units held by such entity. The Reporting Person hereby disclaims interest in all other securities of the Issuer held directly by such entity.

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