

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC
Form 8-K
March 16, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): March 15, 2012

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | 001-31775 (Commission File Number) | 86-1062192 (IRS employer identification number) |
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| 14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100 Dallas, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) | 75254 (Zip code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (972) 490-9600

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On March 15, 2012, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors:

a) declared a common stock dividend for the first quarter ending March 31, 2012, of \$0.11 per diluted share, payable April 16, 2012, for shareholders of record on March 30, 2012.

b) declared a dividend for the first quarter ending March 31, 2012, of \$0.5344 per diluted share, for the Company’s 8.55% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable April 16, 2012, for shareholders of record on March 31, 2012.

c) declared a dividend for the first quarter ending March 31, 2012, of \$0.5281 per diluted share, for the Company’s 8.45% Series D Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable April 16, 2012, for shareholders of record on March 31, 2012.

e) declared a dividend for the first quarter ending March 31, 2012, of \$0.5625 per diluted share, for the Company’s 9.00% Series E Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable April 16, 2012, for shareholders of record on March 31, 2012.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit
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99.1 Press Release of the Company, dated March 15, 2012, furnished under Item 7.01, announcing the declaration of dividends.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 16, 2012

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS

David A. Brooks

Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel