

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 8-K

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**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): October 28, 2005
ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

MARYLAND
(State of Incorporation)

001-31775
(Commission File Number)

86-1062192
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification
Number)

14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100
Dallas, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

75254
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 490-9600

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On October 27 and 28, 2005, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company) entered into the following material definitive agreements:

Loan Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2005, by and among the Registrant and Merrill Lynch Mortgage Lending, Inc. as Lender

\$45 Million Rate Protection Agreement, dated October 27, 2005, by and among the Registrant and SMBC Derivative Products Limited Branch

The information set forth in Item 2.03 is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 2.01. COMPLETION OF AN ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

On October 28, 2005, the Company completed the acquisition of Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, Virginia, for approximately \$72.5 million in cash from Dulles Airport Hotel, LLC, an affiliate of Colony Capital, LLC. The purchase price was the result of an arms-length negotiation. Hyatt Corporation will continue to operate the hotel under an incentive management agreement.

The Company used proceeds from borrowings to fund this acquisition, including its \$210.8 million mortgage loan executed on October 13, 2005 and its \$45.0 million mortgage loan executed on October 28, 2005.

ITEM 2.03 MATERIAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

On October 28, 2005, the Company executed a \$45.0 million mortgage loan, which is secured by the Hyatt Dulles hotel, at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 2%, which matures October 10, 2007, includes three one-year extension options, requires monthly interest-only payments through maturity, and includes certain prepayment restrictions and fees. This loan is subject to acceleration upon the occurrence of certain events of default by the borrower.

In connection with this loan, the Company purchased a 7.0% LIBOR interest rate cap with a \$45.0 million notional amount to limit its exposure to rising interest rates on its variable-rate debt. This interest rate cap matures October 15, 2007.

The Company used the proceeds from the \$45.0 million mortgage loan to partially fund the acquisition of the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, Virginia, for approximately \$72.5 million in cash on October 28, 2005.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(b) Exhibits

10.23.2 Loan Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2005, by and among the Registrant and Merrill Lynch Mortgage Lending, Inc. as Lender

10.23.3 \$45 Million Rate Protection Agreement, dated October 27, 2005, by and among the Registrant and SMBC Derivative Products Limited Branch

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: November 1, 2005

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS

David A. Brooks

Chief Legal Officer