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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

Bennett Monty J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC [AHT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2015

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

Other (specify CEO and Chairman of the Board

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

14185 DALLAS

(Last)

PARKWAY, SUITE 1100

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

below)

DALLAS, TX 75254

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1. Title of Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

4. 5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

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 Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)		Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed of (E) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Special Limited Partnership Units (1)	\$ 0	03/20/2015		A	478,969	<u>(2)</u>	(3)	Common Stock (1)	(1)
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Common Limited Partnership Units (6)	\$ 0					<u>(6)</u>	(3)	Common Stock (6)	<u>(6)</u>
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bennett Monty J

14185 DALLAS PARKWAY X CEO and Chairman of the Board SUITE 1100

DALLAS, TX 75254

Signatures

/s/ MONTY J. 03/24/2015 BENNETT

**Signature of Reporting 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
- (1) 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.
- (2) The LTIP Units reported herein vest and are convertible in three substantially equal installments on the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (3) Neither the Common Units nor the LTIP Units have an expiration date.
- (4) Per LTIP Unit purchase price.
- 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.
- Common Units currently held by the Reporting Person, some of which may have been converted from LTIPs by 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.
- (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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