

HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES TRUST
Form 8-K
October 26, 2018

**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): **October 25, 2018**

HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES TRUST

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-11527

(Commission File Number)

04-3262075

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Two Newton Place, 255 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, Massachusetts**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02458-1634
(Zip Code)

617-964-8389

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

In this Current Report on Form 8-K, the terms we, us or our refer to Hospitality Properties Trust.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 25, 2018, Mark L. Kleifges announced his decision to retire and therefore resign as our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer effective December 31, 2018.

Also on October 25, 2018, our Board of Trustees appointed Brian E. Donley as our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer effective January 1, 2019. Mr. Donley, age 44, is and has been our controller since 2007, and he has held various positions with our manager, The RMR Group LLC, or RMR LLC, since 1997. Mr. Donley is and has been a senior director of portfolio accounting of RMR LLC since 2014, and he previously served as an assistant vice president and controller of RMR LLC from 2007 to 2014. Mr. Donley has more than two decades of commercial real estate experience, including expertise in corporate finance and reporting, mergers and acquisitions, capital market transactions and compliance. Mr. Donley is a certified public accountant.

We have relationships and historical and continuing transactions with RMR LLC, The RMR Group Inc., or RMR Inc., and others related to them. For example: we have no employees and the personnel and various services we require to operate our business are provided to us by RMR LLC pursuant to our management agreements with RMR LLC; RMR Inc. is the managing member of RMR LLC; Adam D. Portnoy, one of our Managing Trustees, is the sole trustee, an officer and controlling shareholder of ABP Trust, which is the controlling shareholder of RMR Inc.; and we own shares of class A common stock of RMR Inc. Mr. Portnoy is a managing director, president and chief executive officer of RMR Inc. and an officer of RMR LLC. We also have relationships and historical and continuing transactions with other companies to which RMR LLC or its subsidiaries provide management services and which may have trustees, directors and officers who are also trustees, directors or officers of us, RMR LLC or RMR Inc.

For further information about these and other such relationships and related person transactions, please see our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, or our Quarterly Report, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, or our Annual Report, our definitive Proxy Statement for our 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, or our Proxy Statement, and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, including Notes 9 and 10 to our condensed consolidated financial statements included in our Quarterly Report and the sections captioned Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Related Person Transactions and Warning Concerning Forward Looking Statements of our Quarterly Report, Notes 7 and 10 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report and the sections captioned Business, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Related Person Transactions and Warning Concerning Forward Looking Statements of our Annual Report and the section captioned Related Person Transactions and the information regarding our Trustees and executive officers included in our Proxy Statement. In addition, please see the section captioned Risk Factors of our Annual Report for a description of risks that may arise as a result of these and other such relationships and related person transactions. Our filings with the SEC and copies of certain of our agreements with these related parties are publicly available as exhibits to our public filings with the SEC and accessible at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov.

SIGNATURES

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

HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES TRUST

By:	<i>/s/ John G. Murray</i>
Name:	John G. Murray
Title:	President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 26, 2018