

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC
Form 8-K
March 17, 2009

**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 16, 2009
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Maryland

001-31775

86-1062192

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS employer
identification number)

14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100
Dallas, Texas

75254

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

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 16, 2009 Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors:

a) declared a dividend for the first quarter ended March 31, 2009, of \$0.5344 per diluted share, for the Company's 8.55% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable April 15, 2009, for shareholders of record on March 31, 2009, and

b) declared a dividend for the first quarter ended March 31, 2009, of \$0.5281 per diluted share, for the Company's 8.45% Series D Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable April 15, 2009, for shareholders of record on March 31, 2009.

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
Number

99.1 Press Release of the Company, dated March 16, 2009, 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 17, 2009

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS

David A. Brooks

Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel