

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Welter Jeremy

(Last) (First) (Middle)

14185 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 1100

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75254

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC [AHT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

03/20/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP, Asset Management

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 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 (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|--|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Special Limited Partnership Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | 03/20/2015 | A | | 159,656 | | ⁽²⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Limited Partnership Units ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | | ⁽⁶⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock ⁽⁶⁾ | ⁽⁶⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Welter Jeremy 14185 DALLAS PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DALLAS, TX 75254 | | | EVP, Asset Management | |

Signatures

/s/ JEREMY WELTER 03/24/2015

⁽¹⁾Signature of Reporting Person 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 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.
- (1) The LTIP Units acquired as reflected herein vest and are convertible in three (3) substantially equal installments on the first three (3) anniversaries of the date of grant.
 - (2) Neither the Common Units nor the LTIP Units have an expiration date.
 - (3) Per LTIP Unit purchase price.
 - (4) Includes LTIP Units previously granted to, and reported by, the Reporting Person having different grant and vesting dates, some of which
 - (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.

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- (6) Common Units currently held by the Reporting Person, from conversion of 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.

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