

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 8-K

September 14, 2012

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): September 14, 2012

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

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Dallas, Texas
(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))

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On September 14, 2012, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors:

a) declared a common stock dividend for the third quarter ending September 30, 2012, of \$0.11 per diluted share, payable October 15, 2012, for shareholders of record on September 28, 2012.

b) declared a dividend for the third quarter ending September 30, 2012, of \$0.5344 per diluted share, for the Company s 8.55% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable October 15, 2012, for shareholders of record on September 28, 2012.

c) declared a dividend for the third quarter ending September 30, 2012, of \$0.5281 per diluted share, for the Company s 8.45% Series D Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable October 15, 2012, for shareholders of record on September 28, 2012.

e) declared a dividend for the third quarter ending September 30, 2012, of \$0.5625 per diluted share, for the Company s 9.00% Series E Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable October 15, 2012, for shareholders of record on September 28, 2012.

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

(b) Exhibits

| Exhibit | Description |
|----------------|--|
| 99.1 | Press Release of the Company, dated September 14, 2012, 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: September 14, 2012

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ David A. Brooks
David A. Brooks
Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel