

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
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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 4, 2016

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.  
(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))

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On October 4, 2016, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (“Ashford Trust” or the “Company”) announced it has closed on the sale of the 162-room SpringHill Suites Gaithersburg in Gaithersburg, MD for approximately \$13.2 million (\$81,000 per key).

The purchase price for the SpringHill Suites Gaithersburg represents a trailing 12-month cap rate of 7.1% on net operating income. On a trailing 12-month basis, the hotel achieved RevPAR of \$72, with occupancy of 66% and Average Daily Rate of \$108. The consideration received from the sale was a combination of cash and approximately 2.0 million Class B common units of the Company’s operating partnership. The Class B operating partnership units were redeemed at a price of \$5.74 per unit, or a price of \$6.05 per common share after taking into account the current conversion factor. The Company also paid off approximately \$10.4 million of debt associated with the property.

A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release of Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc., dated October 4, 2016.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 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.

Dated: October 4, 2016

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS

David A. Brooks

Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel