

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC
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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 *
 Jafarnia Kamal

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC [AHT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 14185 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 1100
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/21/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

DALLAS, TX 75254
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/21/2016		J ⁽¹⁾	500 D	\$ 0 (1) 0	I	By MRJ Family Limited Partnership
Common Stock					2,335	D	

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Special Limited Partnership Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock ⁽²⁾	40,122 ⁽²⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Jafarnia Kamal 14185 DALLAS PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DALLAS, TX 75254	X			

Signatures

/s/ KAMAL
JAFARNIA
12/23/2016

 **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).

The shares of common stock were disposed of in an in-kind distribution by MRJ Family Limited Partnership, an entity controlled by the Reporting Person, to its equity holders. The Reporting Person held no pecuniary interest in such shares and received none of the shares in connection with such in-kind distribution by MRJ Family Limited Partnership.

(1) 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 December 21, 2016, was 0.9642057279 shares of the Issuer's common stock for each Common Unit.

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- (3) The LTIP Units have no expiration date.
- (4) Includes LTIP Units previously granted to, and reported by, the Reporting Person having different grant dates, some of which have achieved parity with the Common Units.

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