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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): July 6, 2016

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-31775 86-1062192 (Commission (IRS employer

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

File Number) 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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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. ("Ashford Trust" or the "Company") announced today that it has priced its underwritten public offering of 4,800,000 shares of 7.375% Series F Cumulative Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") at \$25.00 per share. Dividends on the Preferred Stock will accrue at a rate of 7.375% per annum on the liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share. Settlement of the offering is expected to occur on or about July 13, 2016.

Ashford Trust intends to use the net proceeds of this Preferred Stock offering to redeem shares of its 9.000% Series E Cumulative Preferred Stock. To the extent that proceeds from the offering are greater than the amount necessary to redeem the 9.000% Series E Cumulative Preferred Stock, Ashford Trust will use the excess for general corporate purposes.

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.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release of the Company, dated July 6, 2016.

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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: July 6, 2016

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

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