

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 4

April 03, 2017

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KESSLER DOUGLAS A

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/31/2017

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Chief Executive Officer

14185 DALLAS
PARKWAY, SUITE 1100

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

DALLAS, TX 75254

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price \$
Common Stock	03/31/2017		F ⁽¹⁾		16,819	D	6.36 ⁽²⁾
					1,000,996	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)**

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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)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Stock Units (2017) ⁽³⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾					03/24/2020	03/24/2020	Common Stock ⁽³⁾	⁽⁴⁾
Performance Stock Units (2016) ⁽³⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾					03/31/2019	03/31/2019	Common Stock ⁽³⁾	⁽⁴⁾
Common Limited Partnership Units ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾					⁽⁵⁾	⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock ⁽⁵⁾	⁽⁵⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
KESSLER DOUGLAS A 14185 DALLAS PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DALLAS, TX 75254	Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ DOUGLAS A.
KESSLER 04/03/2017

^{__}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).
- (1) Represents shares of common stock forfeited to the Issuer to satisfy certain tax-withholding obligations of the Reporting Person arising as a result of the vesting of restricted stock held by the Reporting Person.
- (2) Represents the closing price of the common stock on March 31, 2017, the date of forfeiture.
- (3) Each performance stock unit ("Performance Stock Unit") award represents a right to receive between zero and two shares of the Issuer's common stock if and when the applicable vesting criteria have been achieved.

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Represents the target amount of common stock shares that may be issued pursuant to the award of Performance Stock Units. The actual number of shares of common stock to be issued upon vesting can range from 0% to 200% of the number of Performance Stock Units reported, based on achievement of specified relative and total stockholder returns of the Issuer. Assuming continued service through the vesting date and achievement of the specified relative and total stockholder returns, the Performance Stock Units, as adjusted, will generally vest on March 31, 2019 (with respect to the 2016 Performance Stock Units award) and March 24, 2020 (with respect to the 2017 Performance Stock Units award).

- (4) Common Limited Partnership Units of the Subsidiary ("Common Units"). 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 31, 2017, was 0.9491151039 shares of the Issuer's common stock for each Common Unit.
- (5) The Common Units do not expire.
- (6) Reflects aggregate number of Common Units currently held by the Reporting Person, some of which have been converted from LTIP Units by the Reporting Person. See Footnote 5 discussing the convertibility of the Common Units.

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