

Welter Jeremy
Form 4
February 05, 2018

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 *
Welter Jeremy

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)

01/16/2018

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

EVP - Asset Management

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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Person

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	01/16/2018		L ⁽¹⁾		40.258	A	\$ 6.72
							2,295.258
							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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance LTIP Units (2017) ⁽²⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁴⁾							03/24/2020	03/24/2020	Common Stock ⁽⁹⁾	237,574. ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁷⁾
Special Limited Partnership Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾							⁽⁵⁾	⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock ⁽⁹⁾	436,623.
Performance LTIP Units (2016) ⁽²⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁴⁾							03/31/2019	03/31/2019	Common Stock ⁽⁹⁾	157,363. ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁷⁾
Common Limited Partnership Units ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁹⁾							⁽⁹⁾	⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock ⁽⁹⁾	253,285.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Welter Jeremy 14185 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 1100 DALLAS, TX 75254	EVP - Asset Management

Signatures

/s/ Jeremy
Welter 02/05/2018

^{**}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) Acquired through broker-sponsored automatic dividend reinvestment program. Reporting of such transaction was eligible for deferred reporting under Rule 16a-6. The Reporting Person has chosen to report such transaction early.

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- (2) Each performance LTIP unit ("Performance LTIP Unit") award represents an LTIP Unit (as defined below) subject to specified performance-based vesting criteria.
- Represents the maximum number of LTIP Units that may vest pursuant to such award of Performance LTIP Units, which is 200% of the target number of LTIP Units subject to the respective award. The actual number of Performance LTIP Units that may vest can range from 0% to 200% of the target number of Performance LTIP Units, 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 return, the Performance LTIP Units, will generally vest on March 31, 2019 (with respect to the 2016 Performance LTIP Unit award), and on March 24, 2020 (with respect to the 2017 Performance LTIP Unit award). See Footnote 4 discussing the convertibility of Vested LTIP Units.
- (3)
- (4) 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 Units (as defined below), are convertible into Common Units at the option of the Reporting Person. See Footnote 9 discussing the convertibility of the Common Units.
- (5) Such LTIP Units vest in three (3) substantially equal installments on each of March 24, 2018, March 24, 2019 and March 24, 2020. See Footnote 4 discussing the convertibility of Vested LTIP Units.
- (6) Neither the Common Units nor the LTIP Units have an expiration date.
- (7) Reflects adjustment from number of units previously reported to give effect to the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to the Seventh Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Subsidiary (the "Subsidiary Agreement Amendment"), which was adopted for the purpose of creating additional common partnership units of the Subsidiary and the recapitalization of the common partnership units so that the Conversion Factor (as defined in the Subsidiary Agreement Amendment) became 1.0.
- (8) Reflects the aggregate number of LTIP Units held directly or indirectly by the Reporting Person following the LTIP Units award reported herein, and includes LTIP Units comprising awards previously granted to, and reported by, the Reporting Person. Such LTIP Units have different grant and vesting dates and include those which (i) may have achieved parity with the Common Units, (ii) have not yet achieved parity with the Common Units, (iii) are currently vested, or (iv) have not yet vested. Such LTIP Units have been combined herein solely for reporting purposes.
- (9) 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 on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (10) Reflects the aggregate number of Common Units currently held directly or indirectly, as noted, by the Reporting Person, some of which may have been converted from LTIP Units by the Reporting Person since the Reporting Person's most recent Form 4 or Form 5 filing. See Footnote 9 discussing the convertibility of the Common Units.

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