

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 8-K

November 16, 2011

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): November 10, 2011

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MARYLAND
(State of Incorporation)

001-31775
(Commission

86-1062192
(I.R.S. Employer

File Number)

Identification Number)

14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100

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Dallas, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 490-9600

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

(e) On November 10, 2011, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company) amended the employment agreements of Monty Bennett, David A. Brooks, Douglas Kessler, David Kimichik and Mark Nunneley. The Company also entered into an amendment to the Non-Compete/Services Agreement with Archie Bennett, Jr., the chairman of the board. As to each executive and the chairman, the amendment eliminates any requirement or obligation of the Company to provide a gross-up payment for any excise tax imposed on the executive pursuant to Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or to reimburse the executive if any such excise tax is imposed.

This description is qualified in its entirety by reference to each Amendment, dated as of November 10, 2011, between the Company, Ashford Hospitality Limited Partnership (the Operating Partnership), and each executive officer of the Company or the chairman of the board, as applicable, each of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(b) Exhibits

| Exhibit | Description |
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| 10.1 | Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2011, by and between the Company, the Operating Partnership, and Monty Bennett |
| 10.2 | Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2011, by and between the Company, the Operating Partnership, and David A. Brooks |
| 10.3 | Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2011, by and between the Company, the Operating Partnership, and Douglas Kessler |
| 10.4 | Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2011, by and between the Company, the Operating Partnership, and David Kimichik |
| 10.5 | Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2011, by and between the Company, the Operating Partnership, and Mark Nunneley |
| 10.6 | Amendment to Non-Compete/Services Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2011, by and between the Company, the Operating Partnership, and Archie Bennett, Jr. |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 16, 2011

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

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