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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC [AHT] A Hays J Robison III (Month/Day/Year) 05/12/2015 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **14185 DALLAS** (Check all applicable) PARKWAY, SUITE 1100 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Chief Strategy Officer Person DALLAS, TXÂ 75254 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 155,543 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | Title | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) | |

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------|----------------------------|---|
| Special Limited Partnership Unit (1) | (1) | (2) | Common Stock (1) | 394,861 (1) | \$ 0 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hays J Robison III

14185 DALLAS PARKWAY SUITE 1100

DALLAS, TXÂ 75254

Relationships

Other

Signatures

/s/ J. ROBISON
HAYS III

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
 - 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
- (1) 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 May 12, 2015, was 0.93687068 of the Issuer's common stock for each Common Unit. The Reporting Person directly holds 421,468 LTIPs, some of which are currently vested, some of which are unvested, some of which have achieved parity with the Common Units, and some of which have not achieved parity with the Common Units.
- (2) The LTIP Units do not have an expiration date.

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