

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 8-K

December 20, 2004

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**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): December 17, 2004

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MARYLAND
(State of Incorporation)

001-31775
(Commission File Number)

86-1062192
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification
Number)

14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100
Dallas, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

75254
(Zip code)

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

Check the appropriate box if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On December 17, 2004, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors declared a dividend for its fourth quarter ended December 31, 2004, of approximately \$0.5878 per fully-diluted share, for the Company s 8.55% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock. The dividend is payable January 18, 2005, for shareholders of record on December 31, 2004. The total dividend reflects a partial dividend of \$0.0534 per fully-diluted share for the period from September 22 to September 30, 2004, and the regular quarterly preferred dividend of \$0.5344 per fully-diluted share. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.49 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

**Exhibit
Number**

99.49 Press Release of the Company dated December 17, 2004, furnished under Item 7.01, announcing the declaration of a dividend.

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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: December 20, 2004

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS

David A. Brooks
Chief Legal Officer