

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
September 16, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
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): September 15, 2009  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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| Maryland  | 001-31775                   | 86-1062192                              |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS employer<br>identification number) |
| 14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100<br>Dallas, Texas                 |                             | 75254                                   |
| (Address of principal executive<br>offices)                       |                             | (Zip code)                              |

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

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On September 15, 2009 Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors:

- a) declared a dividend for the third quarter ending September 30, 2009, of \$0.5344 per diluted share, for the Company s 8.55% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable October 15, 2009, for shareholders of record on September 30, 2009, and
- b) declared a dividend for the third quarter ending September 30, 2009, of \$0.5281 per diluted share, for the Company s 8.45% Series D Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable October 15, 2009, for shareholders of record on September 30, 2009.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

Exhibit  
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- 99.1 Press Release of the Company, dated September 15, 2009, furnished under Item 7.01, announcing the declaration of dividends.
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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: September 16, 2009

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS

David A. Brooks  
Chief Operating Officer and General  
Counsel