

KESSLER DOUGLAS A

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KESSLER DOUGLAS A

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)
03/21/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Chief Operating Officer

DALLAS, TX 75254

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock			Code V	Amount (D) Price	509,584	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
Special Limited Partnership Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	03/21/2008		A		281,100		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	281,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
KESSLER DOUGLAS A 14185 DALLAS PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DALLAS, TX 75254	Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ DOUGLAS A.
KESSLER

03/25/2008

 **Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Special long-term incentive partnership units ("LTIP Units") in Ashford Hospitality Limited Partnership, the Issuer's operating subsidiary. Vested LTIP Units, upon achieving parity with the Common Limited Partnership Units, are convertible into Common Limited

(1) Partnership Units at the option of the Reporting Person. Common Limited Partnership Units are convertible into cash or, at the option of the Issuer, into shares of the Issuer's common stock on a 1-for-1 basis. The LTIP Units were issued under the Issuer's Amended and Restated 2003 Stock Incentive Plan.

(2) The LTIP Units vest as follows: March 21, 2009 (10%), March 21, 2010 (15%), March 21, 2011 (15%), March 21, 2012 (15%) and March 21, 2013 (45%).

(3) The LTIP Units have no expiration date.

(4) Per LTIP Unit purchase price.

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