

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Ansell Benjamin J MD

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)
 05/13/2014

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

DALLAS, TX 75254

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | 05/12/2014 | | W | V | 12,313.307 | A | \$ 0 | 12,313.307 | I | See ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 45,000 | | | | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 97,700 | | | | I | By Ansell Family Trust |

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)

| 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Special Limited Partnership Units ⁽²⁾ | \$ 0 | 05/13/2014 | | A | 8,459 | 05/13/2014 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | 8,459 ⁽²⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ansell Benjamin J MD 14185 DALLAS PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DALLAS, TX 75254 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ BENJAMIN J. ANSELL
05/15/2014

^{**}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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(1) By Benjamin J. Ansell, as Trustee FBO of Benjamin Ansell GST Trust under Agreement dated 1/2/2003.

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, are convertible into Common Limited 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 2011 Stock Incentive Plan.

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- (3) The LTIP Units have no expiration date.
- (4) Per LTIP Unit purchase price.
- (5) Includes LTIP Units previously granted to, and reported by, the Reporting Person having different grant and vesting dates, some of which have achieved parity with the Common Limited Partnership Units.

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