

BENNETT ARCHIE JR
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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 *
BENNETT ARCHIE JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST
INC [AHT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board

(Last) (First) (Middle)
14185 DALLAS
PARKWAY, SUITE 1100

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/21/2008

DALLAS, TX 75254

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					1,103,597	D	
Common Stock					358,317	I	By 5820 General Partner

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Special Limited Partnership Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	03/21/2008		A	145,000	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	145,000
Common Limited Partnership Units	\$ 0					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	2,486,95

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENNETT ARCHIE JR 14185 DALLAS PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DALLAS, TX 75254	X		Chairman of the Board	

Signatures

/s/ ARCHIE BENNETT, JR. 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).
- ** 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. Vested LTIP Units, upon achieving parity with the Common Limited Partnership Units, 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 Amended and Restated 2003 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (1) 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%).
- (2) The LTIP Units have no expiration date.
- (3) Per LTIP Unit purchase price.

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- (5) All such units are currently convertible into cash or, at the option of the Issuer, shares of the Issuer's common stock on a 1-for-1 basis. The units have no expiration date.
- (6) Held by various limited partnerships in which the Reporting Person holds an interest.

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