ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 4 April 04, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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10% Owner

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hays J Robison III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST

(Check all applicable)

Chief Strategy Officer

INC [AHT]

(First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

03/31/2016

14185 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 1100

> (Street) 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

DALLAS, TX 75254

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 5. Number of Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Conversion

7. Title and Amoun

Underlying Securiti

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V	(A) ((D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Performance Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	03/31/2016		A		85,427 (2)		03/31/2019	03/31/2026	Common Stock (1) (4)	85,4 (2) (
Special Limited Partnership Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 (4)	03/31/2016		A		85,428 (4)		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock (4)	<u>(4)</u>

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hays J Robison III 14185 DALLAS PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DALLAS, TX 75254

Chief Strategy Officer

Signatures

/s/ J. ROBISON HAYS III 04/01/2016

**Signature of Reporting 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).
- (1) Each performance stock unit ("Performance Stock Unit") award represents a right to receive one LTIP Unit (as defined below) if and when the applicable vesting criteria have been achieved.
 - Represents the target amount of LTIP Units that may be issued pursuant to an award of Performance Stock Units. The actual number of Performance Stock Units to be issued upon vesting can range from 0% to 200% of the number of Performance Stock Units reported,
- (2) based on achievement of a specified relative total stockholder return, as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer. Assuming continued service through the vesting date and achievement of the specified relative total stockholder return, the Performance Stock Units, as adjusted, will generally vest on March 31, 2019.
- (3) The Reporting Person received the Performance Stock Unit award under the Issuer's 2011 Stock Incentive Plan.
- Special long-term incentive partnership units ("LTIP Units") in the Subsidiary. Vested LTIP Units, upon achieving parity with the

 Common Units, are convertible into Common Units at the option of the Reporting Person. Common Units are redeemable for cash or, at the option of the Issuer, convertible into shares of the Issuer's common stock based on a conversion ratio described in the partnership agreement of Subsidiary, which, on March 30, 2016, was 0.9543908329 shares of the Issuer's common stock for each Common Unit.

(5) The LTIP Units have no expiration date.

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Includes LTIP Units previously reported by, the Reporting Person having different grant and vesting dates, some of which (i) may have achieved parity with the Common Units, (ii) have not yet achieved parity with the Common Units, (iii) are currently vested, or (iv) have not yet vested. Such LTIP Units have been combined herein for reporting purposes.

(7) Per LTIP Purchase Price

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