

KESSLER DOUGLAS A  
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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 \*  
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)  
03/02/2012

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

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  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3)                              | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities 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                       | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Special Limited Partnership Units <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                      | 03/02/2012           | A               |   | 215,000          |                  | <sup>(2)</sup>   | <sup>(3)</sup>  | Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | 215,000 <sup>(1)</sup>     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| KESSLER DOUGLAS A<br>14185 DALLAS PARKWAY<br>SUITE 1100<br>DALLAS, TX 75254 |               |           | President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ DOUGLAS A. KESSLER 03/05/2012

<sup>(1)</sup>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 ("Subsidiary"). Vested LTIP Units, upon achieving parity with the Common Limited Partnership Units of the Subsidiary, are convertible

(1) 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.

(2) The LTIP Units reported herein vest and are convertible in three installments on March 2, 2013 (71,667 LTIP Units), March 2, 2014 (71,666 LTIP Units) and March 2, 2015 (71,667 LTIP Units), respectively.

(3) The LTIP Units have no expiration date.

(4) Per LTIP Unit purchase price.

Includes LTIP Units previously granted to, and reported by, the Reporting Person having different grant and vesting dates, some of which

(5) (i) may have achieved parity with the Common Limited Partnership Units, (ii) have not yet achieved parity with the Common Limited Partnership Units, (iii) are currently vested, or (iv) have not yet vested.

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