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ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC Form 8-K March 14, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): March 11, 2011 ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-31775 86-1062192

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (IRS employer incorporation or organization) File Number) identification number)

14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100 Dallas, Texas

75254

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (972) 490-9600

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On March 11, 2011, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company) held a conference call to discuss the formation of a new joint venture with Prudential Real Estate Investors (PREI) to take ownership of a 28-property hotel portfolio (the Highland Hospitality Portfolio) through a debt restructuring and consensual foreclosure. On March 11, 2011, the Company filed a Form 8-K that included the transcript related to this earnings conference call.

The transcript of the questions and answers related to the conference call is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number

99.1 Highland PREI JV Conference call Q&A of the Company, dated March 11, 2011

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 14, 2011

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS
David A. Brooks
Chief Operating Officer and General
Counsel