

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 8-K

January 27, 2006

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**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): January 26, 2006**  
**ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MARYLAND  
(State of Incorporation)

001-31775  
(Commission File Number)

86-1062192  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification  
Number)

14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100  
Dallas, Texas  
(Address of principal executive offices)

75254  
(Zip code)

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

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ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 26, 2006, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company ) entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the Marriott at Research Triangle Park in Durham, North Carolina, for approximately \$28.0 million in cash from Host Marriott Corporation. The acquisition is expected to close in February 2006. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release of the Company, dated January 26, 2006, announcing the acquisition of the Marriott at Research Triangle Park in Durham, North Carolina.

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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: January 27, 2006

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS

David A. Brooks  
Chief Legal Officer