

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC
Form 8-K
October 30, 2013

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): October 30, 2013

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-31775
(Commission
File Number)

86-1062192
(IRS 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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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company) is furnishing the following pro forma financial information for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013 for the Company's 71.74% pro-rata share of all hotels included in continuing operations for the Highland Hospitality Portfolio.

The information in this Form 8-K shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

HIGHLAND HOSPITALITY PORTFOLIO**(PIM Highland Holding LLC)****PRO FORMA HOTEL OPERATING PROFIT****(dollars in thousands)****(Unaudited)****71.74% PRO-RATA SHARE OF ALL HOTELS INCLUDED IN HIGHLAND HOSPITALITY PORTFOLIO CONTINUING OPERATIONS:**

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | % Variance | 2013 | 2012 | % Variance |
| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| Rooms | \$ 55,389 | \$ 54,385 | 1.8% | \$ 168,830 | \$ 161,781 | 4.4% |
| Food and beverage | 16,530 | 17,058 | -3.1% | 55,984 | 55,138 | 1.5% |
| Other | 2,791 | 2,790 | 0.0% | 7,977 | 8,213 | -2.9% |
| Total hotel revenue | 74,710 | 74,233 | 0.6% | 232,791 | 225,132 | 3.4% |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Rooms | 12,402 | 12,049 | 2.9% | 37,223 | 35,937 | 3.6% |
| Food and beverage | 11,784 | 11,808 | -0.2% | 37,297 | 36,796 | 1.4% |
| Other direct | 1,266 | 1,316 | -3.8% | 3,754 | 3,944 | -4.8% |
| Indirect | 21,599 | 21,784 | -0.8% | 65,467 | 65,156 | 0.5% |
| Management fees, includes base and incentive fees | 2,661 | 2,661 | 0.0% | 8,534 | 8,242 | 3.5% |
| Total hotel operating expenses | 49,712 | 49,618 | 0.2% | 152,275 | 150,075 | 1.5% |
| Property taxes, insurance, and other | 4,045 | 3,936 | 2.8% | 12,370 | 10,597 | 16.7% |
| HOTEL OPERATING PROFIT (Hotel EBITDA) | \$ 20,953 | \$ 20,679 | 1.3% | \$ 68,146 | \$ 64,460 | 5.7% |
| Hotel EBITDA Margin | 28.05% | 27.86% | 0.19% | 29.27% | 28.63% | 0.64% |

NOTES:

- (1) The above pro forma table assumes the 28 hotel properties owned and included in continuing operations at September 30, 2013 were owned as of the beginning of the periods presented.
- (2) On January 1, 2013, Marriott converted from a fiscal year with 12 weeks of operations in each of the first three quarters of the year and 16 weeks in the fourth quarter of the year, to calendar quarters. The above pro forma table assumes the Marriott-managed properties were reported on calendar quarters for all periods presented.

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: October 30, 2013

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ David J. Kimichik
David J. Kimichik
Chief Financial Officer