

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 8-K

March 24, 2004

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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): March 24, 2004

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)

14180 Dallas Parkway, 9th Floor
Dallas, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

75254
(Zip code)

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

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On March 24, 2004, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it closed on its purchase of a \$6.6 million mezzanine loan to Parkland Hotel Investors on Northland Inn and Executive Conference Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.20 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibits

99.20	Press Release of the Company dated March 24, 2004, announcing the purchase of the \$6.6 million mezzanine loan.
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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 24, 2004

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS

David A. Brooks
Chief Legal Officer