

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 8-K

July 20, 2006

**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): July 19, 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

Check the appropriate box if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

Reference is hereby made to the registration statement of Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company ) on Form S-3 (File No. 333-131878), which became effective as of July 14, 2006 (as amended, the Registration Statement ), pursuant to which the Company registered the sale of up to \$700,000,000 in debt and equity securities for sale in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Reference is also hereby made to the prospectus and the related prospectus supplement, which will be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5), with respect to the Company s Common Stock.

The Company is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K to file the Consent of Independent Auditors of KPMG LLP to the incorporation by reference in Amendment No. 1 to Form S-3 dated July 13, 2006 of the combined financial statements of Marriott at Research at Triangle Park as of December 30, 2005, and for the fiscal year then ended. The Consent of Independent Auditors of KPMG LLP is set forth in Exhibit 23.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description                                 |
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| 23.1        | Consent of Independent Auditors of KPMG LLP |

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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: July 19, 2006

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ David A. Brooks  
David A. Brooks  
Chief Legal Officer