

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 8-K

November 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): November 20, 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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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On November 16, 2006, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company) entered into the following agreement:

Loan Agreement, dated November 16, 2006, by and among Ashford Chicago O Hare LP (as Borrower) and Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital, Inc. (as Lender)

The information set forth in Item 2.03 is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 2.03 MATERIAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

On November 16, 2006, the Company executed a \$101.0 million, ten-year, fixed-rate first mortgage with Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital, Inc. The loan bears interest at a rate of 5.81%, is interest-only for the first five years, matures December 8, 2016, and is secured by the Company s Westin O Hare hotel in Rosemont, Illinois. The loan is subject to acceleration upon the occurrence of certain events of default by the borrower.

On November 16, 2006, proceeds from this loan were used to repay the \$80.0 million outstanding balance on the Company s \$150.0 million credit facility, due August 16, 2008, with an interest rate of LIBOR plus a range of 1.6% to 1.85% depending on the loan-to-value ratio. The Company originally drew this \$80.0 million on November 8, 2006, to fund a portion of the purchase price of its acquisition of the Westin O Hare hotel in Rosemont, Illinois, on November 9, 2006.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(b) Exhibits

10.32 Loan Agreement, dated November 16, 2006, by and among the Registrant and Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital, Inc.

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: November 20, 2006

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /S/ DAVID A. BROOKS

David A. Brooks

Chief Legal Officer