

## CBOE Research Circular #RS13-617

**Date: November 13, 2013**

**To:** Permit Holders  
**From:** Scott Speer  
**RE:** Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. ("AHT")  
 Distribution of Shares of  
 (New) Ashford Hospitality Prime, Inc. ("AHP")  
Ex-Distribution Date: November 20, 2013

Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. ("AHT") has announced a distribution of shares of (New) Ashford Hospitality Prime, Inc. Common Stock. The distribution ratio will be **0.20** of a share of (New) Ashford Hospitality Prime, Inc. ("AHP") Common Stock for every **one (1)** share of Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. ("AHT") Common Stock held of record November 8, 2013. The mail date for the distribution will be November 19, 2013. (New) Ashford Hospitality Prime, Inc. was admitted to "when issued" trading under the symbol AHP WI on the New York Stock Exchange on November 6, 2013. Beginning on November 6, 2013 through November 19, 2013, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. will be trading on the New York Stock Exchange on a "regular way" basis under the symbol AHT, and on an "ex-distribution"- "when issued" basis under the symbol AHT WI. (New) Ashford Hospitality Prime, Inc. "when issued" trading and Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. "ex-distribution"- "when issued" trading will be suspended as of the opening on November 20, 2013. **The ex-date for the distribution will be Wednesday, November 20, 2013.**

### Contract Adjustment

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 11 and 11A of OCC's By-Laws, all AHT options outstanding as of Wednesday, November 20, 2013, shall be adjusted to require the per-contract delivery or receipt of the following: **(A) 100 shares of Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. ("AHT") Common Stock; plus (B) 20 shares of (New) Ashford Hospitality Prime, Inc. ("AHP") Common Stock.** The AHT option symbol will change to **AHT1**. Premiums and strike-price amounts for the adjusted AHT1 options will continue to be calculated on the basis of a multiplier of 100, *i.e.*, for premium and strike-price extensions, 1.00 will equal \$100. Strike prices will remain the same. [Any FLEX series that may exist will be adjusted in a similar manner to the standardized option.]

### Adjusted Option Symbols

On Wednesday, November 20, 2013, trading in AHT series will be on an adjusted basis. At 8:30 A.M., Chicago time, an opening rotation will be effected with the following adjustments:

EXISTING SERIES				ADJUSTED SERIES*			
AHT	2.50	2013-12-21	C/P =>	AHT1	2.50	2013-12-21	C/P
AHT	5.00	2013-12-21	C/P =>	AHT1	5.00	2013-12-21	C/P
AHT	7.50	2013-12-21	C/P =>	AHT1	7.50	2013-12-21	C/P
AHT	10.00	2013-12-21	C/P =>	AHT1	10.00	2013-12-21	C/P
AHT	12.50	2013-12-21	C/P =>	AHT1	12.50	2013-12-21	C/P
AHT	15.00	2013-12-21	C/P =>	AHT1	15.00	2013-12-21	C/P
AHT	17.50	2013-12-21	C/P =>	AHT1	17.50	2013-12-21	C/P
AHT	20.00	2013-12-21	C/P =>	AHT1	20.00	2013-12-21	C/P
AHT	22.50	2013-12-21	C/P =>	AHT1	22.50	2013-12-21	C/P

EXISTING SERIES				ADJUSTED SERIES*				
AHT	2.50	2014-03-22	C/P	=>	AHT1	2.50	2014-03-22	C/P
AHT	5.00	2014-03-22	C/P	=>	AHT1	5.00	2014-03-22	C/P
AHT	7.50	2014-03-22	C/P	=>	AHT1	7.50	2014-03-22	C/P
AHT	10.00	2014-03-22	C/P	=>	AHT1	10.00	2014-03-22	C/P
AHT	12.50	2014-03-22	C/P	=>	AHT1	12.50	2014-03-22	C/P
AHT	15.00	2014-03-22	C/P	=>	AHT1	15.00	2014-03-22	C/P
AHT	17.50	2014-03-22	C/P	=>	AHT1	17.50	2014-03-22	C/P
AHT	20.00	2014-03-22	C/P	=>	AHT1	20.00	2014-03-22	C/P
AHT	22.50	2014-03-22	C/P	=>	AHT1	22.50	2014-03-22	C/P
AHT	2.50	2014-06-21	C/P	=>	AHT1	2.50	2014-06-21	C/P
AHT	5.00	2014-06-21	C/P	=>	AHT1	5.00	2014-06-21	C/P
AHT	7.50	2014-06-21	C/P	=>	AHT1	7.50	2014-06-21	C/P
AHT	10.00	2014-06-21	C/P	=>	AHT1	10.00	2014-06-21	C/P
AHT	12.50	2014-06-21	C/P	=>	AHT1	12.50	2014-06-21	C/P
AHT	15.00	2014-06-21	C/P	=>	AHT1	15.00	2014-06-21	C/P
AHT	17.50	2014-06-21	C/P	=>	AHT1	17.50	2014-06-21	C/P
AHT	20.00	2014-06-21	C/P	=>	AHT1	20.00	2014-06-21	C/P
AHT	22.50	2014-06-21	C/P	=>	AHT1	22.50	2014-06-21	C/P
AHT	25.00	2014-06-21	C/P	=>	AHT1	25.00	2014-06-21	C/P

**\*Any additional AHT series that are added prior to the ex-date (e.g., the January series) will also be adjusted in the manner described above.**

**New Unadjusted Series**

To facilitate the maintenance of a fair and orderly market in Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. options, new AHT series with a contract unit of 100 shares will be introduced on Thursday, November 21, 2013. The AHT series will be added for December, January, March, and June expirations at exercise prices nearest the money.

**Settlement Procedures**

The OCC will delay settlement of AHT1 exercise and assignment activity until the end of "when issued" trading in (New) Ashford Hospitality Prime, Inc.

**GTC Order Conversion**

On Tuesday, November 19, 2013, immediately after the CBOE close, the system will convert or cancel all resting orders in the AHT order book. If your firm has requested, all booked orders (phone, wire, and electronic) and all ORS orders residing outside the book (booth or crowd routed) will be converted reflecting the adjustment. If your firm has requested, all booked orders and ORS orders residing outside of the book will be canceled. If your firm receives CXL drops, the CXL confirms will print at your booth at 3:15 p.m. ORS CXLs will also be transmitted electronically to your branches.

A report will be available at the Help Desk listing the orders that are converted or canceled. If converted, this list will also show how the new orders will be adjusted. This report will be available on request anytime during the day prior to the night of the adjustment.

### **Order Entry After Adjustment**

In entering orders, it is essential for member firms to identify trades in old (adjusted) series with the option symbol AHT1; trades in the new (unadjusted) Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. series must have the standard option symbol AHT. Brokers should make certain that customers entering closing transactions describe the option series with the correct symbol. Negligence in this matter could lead customers to establish new positions in unadjusted series rather than closing out existing positions in adjusted series.

### **Position and Exercise Limits**

The CBOE Department of Market Regulation has determined that: "The position and exercise limits following this stock distribution will remain the same."

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