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## ASHFORD TRUST ANNOUNCES SALE OF MARRIOTT PLAZA SAN ANTONIO FOR \$34 MILLION

DALLAS, August 5, 2019 -- Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (NYSE: AHT) ("Ashford Trust" or the "Company") today announced the sale of the 251-room Marriott Plaza San Antonio in San Antonio, Texas for \$34.0 million (\$135,500 per key). The sales price, inclusive of buyer's estimated anticipated capex of \$21.3 million, represents a trailing twelve-month cap rate of 4.9% on net operating income and a 17.1x Hotel EBITDA multiple as of June 30, 2019.

The hotel had an existing allocated loan balance of approximately \$23.3 million that was paid off at closing along with an additional \$3.5 million of loan pay down associated with the release of the hotel from the loan pool. After loan payoff and transaction costs, the net proceeds from the sale were approximately \$6 million. Based upon the 12-month period ended June 30, 2019, the hotel achieved an occupancy rate of 76% and Average Daily Rate of \$135 resulting in a \$102 RevPAR. This compares to the Company's trailing 12-month RevPAR of \$127 as of June 30, 2019. A reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures is included in the financial table below.

"The Marriott Plaza San Antonio transaction demonstrates our financially calibrated approach to unlocking embedded value in our portfolio by selling an asset at a very attractive cap rate compared to our current market valuation," said Douglas A. Kessler, Ashford Trust's President and Chief Executive Officer. "With this successful transaction, we believe we accomplished three goals, namely reducing our debt, preserving cash, and demonstrating the value within our portfolio. We will continue to pursue these types of transactions that we believe will enhance returns for our shareholders."

Ashford Hospitality Trust is a real estate investment trust (REIT) focused on investing opportunistically in the hospitality industry in upper upscale, full-service hotels.

Ashford has created an Ashford App for the hospitality REIT investor community. The Ashford App is available for free download at Apple's App Store and the Google Play Store by searching "Ashford."

## Ashford Hospitality Trust Marriott Plaza San Antonio Reconciliation of Hotel Net Income to Hotel EBITDA and Hotel Net Operating Income (Unaudited, in millions)

	12 Months		
		<b>Ended June 30, 2019</b>	
Hotel Net Income	\$	0.5	
Adjustment:			
Depreciation and amortization	\$	1.4	
Interest expense	\$	1.3	
Hotel EBITDA	\$	3.2	
Adjustment: Capital reserve	\$	(0.5)	
Hotel Net Operating Income	\$	2.7	

(1) All information in this table is based upon unaudited operating financial data for the prior twelvemonth period ended June 30, 2019. This data has not been audited or reviewed by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. The financial information presented could change.

EBITDA is defined as net income (loss), computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Hotel EBITDA multiple is defined as the purchase price divided by the trailing 12 month EBITDA. A capitalization rate is determined by dividing the property's annual net operating income by the purchase price. Net operating income is the property's hotel EBITDA minus a capital expense reserve of either 4% or 5% of gross revenues.

Certain statements and assumptions in this press release contain or are based upon "forward-looking" information and are being made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. When we use the words "will likely result," "may," "anticipate,"

"estimate," "should," "expect," "believe," "intend," or similar expressions, we intend to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to numerous assumptions and uncertainties, many of which are outside Ashford Trust's control. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated, including, without limitation: general volatility of the capital markets and the market price of our common stock; changes in our business or investment strategy; availability, terms and deployment of capital; changes in our industry and the markets in which we operate, interest rates or the general economy; our ability to successfully complete and integrate acquisitions, and manage our planned growth, and the degree and nature of our competition. These and other risk factors are more fully discussed in Ashford Trust's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements included in this press release are only made as of the date of this press release. Investors should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We are not obligated to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or circumstances, changes in expectations or otherwise.