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## Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

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### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### FORM 8-K

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#### 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 29, 2018

### APPLE HOSPITALITY REIT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-37389  
(Commission File Number)

26-1379210  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

814 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia  
(Address of principal executive offices)

23219  
(Zip Code)

(804) 344-8121  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below 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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc. (which is referred to below as the “Company”) is filing this report in accordance with Items 8.01 and 9.01 of Form 8-K.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 29, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing it has established a written trading Plan ("Plan") authorizing the repurchase of its common shares in open market transactions. This Plan was established as part of the Company's previously announced \$475 million share repurchase program.

A copy of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 [Press Release dated March 29, 2018](#)

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc.

By: /s/ Justin G. Knight

Justin G. Knight

President and Chief Executive Officer

March 29, 2018

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## Section 2: EX-99.1 (EX-99.1)

Exhibit 99.1



### Apple Hospitality REIT Announces Establishment of 10b5-1 Share Repurchase Plan

**RICHMOND, Va. (March 29, 2018)** – Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc. (NYSE: APLE) (the “Company”) today announced that the Company has established a written trading Plan (“Plan”) authorizing the repurchase of its common shares in open market transactions. This Plan was established under the Company’s existing share repurchase program. The Plan, entered into on March 29, 2018, is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which will allow the Company to repurchase shares through a designated broker at times when it might otherwise be prevented from doing so by securities laws or because of self-imposed trading blackout periods. Because repurchases under a 10b5-1 plan are subject to certain pricing, market and volume parameters, there is no guarantee as to the exact number of shares, if any, that will be repurchased under the Plan. In addition, the timing of share repurchases under the Plan and the overall repurchase program will depend upon prevailing market conditions, regulatory requirements and other factors and may be suspended by the Company at any time.

#### **About Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc.**

Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc. (NYSE: APLE) is a publicly traded real estate investment trust (REIT) that owns one of the largest portfolios of upscale, select-service hotels in the United States. The Company’s highly diversified portfolio consists of 241 hotels with more than 30,500 guest rooms located in 88 markets throughout 34 states. The Company’s hotels are franchised with industry-leading brands, and the Company’s portfolio includes 117 Marriott®-branded hotels and 124 Hilton®-branded hotels. For more information, please visit [www.applehospitalityreit.com](http://www.applehospitalityreit.com).

#### **Forward-Looking Statements Disclaimer**

Certain statements contained in this press release other than historical facts may be considered forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are predictions and generally can be identified by use of statements that include phrases such as “may,” “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “project,” “target,” “goal,” “plan,” “should,” “will,” “predict,” “potential,” “outlook,” “strategy,” and similar expressions that convey the uncertainty of future events or outcomes. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of Apple Hospitality to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the ability of Apple Hospitality to effectively acquire and dispose of properties; the ability of Apple Hospitality to implement its operating strategy; changes in general political, economic and competitive conditions and specific market conditions; adverse changes in the real estate and real estate capital markets; financing risks; the outcome of current and future litigation; regulatory proceedings or inquiries; and changes in laws or regulations or

interpretations of current laws and regulations that impact Apple Hospitality's business, assets or classification as a real estate investment trust. Although Apple Hospitality believes that the assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements contained herein are reasonable, any of the assumptions could be inaccurate, and therefore there can be no assurance that such statements included in this press release will prove to be accurate. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking statements included herein, the inclusion of such information should not be regarded as a representation by Apple Hospitality or any other person that the results or conditions described in such statements or the objectives and plans of Apple Hospitality will be achieved. In addition, Apple Hospitality's qualification as a real estate investment trust involves the application of highly technical and complex provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Readers should carefully review Apple Hospitality's financial statements and the notes thereto, as well as the risk factors described in Apple Hospitality's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including, but not limited to, in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. Any forward-looking statement that Apple Hospitality makes speaks only as of the date of such statement. Apple Hospitality undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements or cautionary factors, as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law.

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