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

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**UNITED STATES  
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): September 19, 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.

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 September 19, 2018, the Company issued a press release providing an update on operations at its hotels in the path of Hurricane Florence.

A copy of the Company’s press release is furnished 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 September 19, 2018](#)

## 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

September 19, 2018

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

**Exhibit 99.1**



### **Apple Hospitality REIT Provides Hurricane Florence Update**

**RICHMOND, Va. (September 19, 2018)** – Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc. (NYSE: APLE) (the “Company” or “Apple Hospitality”) today provided an update on operations at its hotels in the path of Hurricane Florence.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by Hurricane Florence,” said Justin Knight, President and Chief Executive Officer of Apple Hospitality REIT. “We are incredibly proud of the operating teams at our hotels who have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our guests. We will continue to support them and the surrounding communities as recovery from this storm continues.”

Apple Hospitality owns five hotels that were in the primary path of Hurricane Florence in eastern North Carolina. Preliminary reports from initial property inspections have indicated some minor wind- and water-related damage at these hotels; however, at this time the overall damage and impact does not appear to be material. All of the Company’s hotels are now operational. The Company remains focused on the welfare of guests and associates at its hotels and will continue to assess the overall impact of the storm as the situation evolves at each of its hotels. The Company maintains comprehensive insurance coverage for property, business interruption and other risks with respect to all of its hotels, with industry standard deductibles in each of the locations.

#### **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 and most diverse portfolios of upscale, select-service hotels in the United States. Apple Hospitality’s portfolio consists of 241 hotels with more than 30,700 guest rooms located in 88 markets throughout 34 states. Franchised with industry-leading brands, the Company’s portfolio comprises 115 Marriott-branded hotels and 126 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; litigation risks; 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 titled "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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