

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

Form 8-K

May 08, 2012

**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): **May 7, 2012**

Starwood Property Trust, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34436
(Commission
File Number)

27-0247747
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

591 West Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT
(Address of principal
executive offices)

06830
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,
including area code:
(203) 422-7700

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CAR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 7, 2012, Starwood Property Trust, Inc. (the "Company") entered into Amendment No. 1 (the "Amendment") to the Management Agreement dated as of August 17, 2009 (the "Management Agreement"), between the Company and SPT Management, LLC (the "Manager"). Pursuant to the terms of the Management Agreement, the Manager provides the day-to-day management of the Company's operations.

Pursuant to the Amendment, the definition of "Core Earnings" was amended to exclude certain non-cash adjustments, and to make certain clarifications with respect to the exclusion of depreciation and amortization from the calculation of Core Earnings.

The foregoing description of the Amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	Amendment No. 1 to Management Agreement, dated May 7, 2012, between Starwood Property Trust, Inc. and SPT Management, LLC

SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: May 7, 2012

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

By:	/s/ Andrew J. Sossen
Name:	Andrew J. Sossen
Title:	Authorized Signatory

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