

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STERNLICHT BARRY S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC. [STWD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2015

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEO, Chairman of Board

C/O STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC., 591 WEST PUTNAM AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2015 | | M | | 255,401 | A | (1) (2) (3) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,367,480 | D | By controlled entities (4) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (5) | 12/31/2015 | | M | 255,401 (1) (2) (3) | (1)(2)(3) | (1)(2)(3) | Common Stock | 255,401 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STERNLICHT BARRY S C/O STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC. 591 WEST PUTNAM AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830 | X | | CEO, Chairman of Board | |

Signatures

/s/ Barry S.
Sternlicht

01/04/2016

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) On December 31, 2015, SPT Management, LLC, the issuer's external manager (the "Manager"), acquired 255,401 shares of the issuer's common stock in connection with the vesting of (i) 166,667 restricted stock units of the restricted stock units originally granted to the Manager on January 2, 2014 as an award under the Starwood Property Trust, Inc. Manager Equity Plan (the "2014 RSUs"), (ii) 32,484 restricted stock units of the restricted stock units originally granted to the Manager on January 31, 2014 as an award under the Starwood Property Trust, Inc. Manager Equity Plan in connection with the distribution of common shares of Starwood Waypoint Residential Trust to holders of shares of the issuer's common stock on January 24, 2014 (the "Distribution RSUs") and (continued in Footnote 2 below)
- (2) (iii) 56,250 restricted stock units of the restricted stock units originally granted to the Manager on May 18, 2015 as an award under the Starwood Property Trust, Inc. Manager Equity Plan (the "2015 RSUs").

- (3) The remaining 2014 RSUs and 2015 RSUs will vest ratably in quarterly installments through December 31, 2016 and March 31, 2018, respectively, in each case subject to the Manager's continued service as the issuer's external manager. The remaining Distribution RSUs will vest ratably in quarterly installments on the same schedule applicable to the 2014 RSUs held by the Manager as of the grant date, subject to the Manager's continued service as the issuer's external manager. In each case as such restricted stock units vest, the award will be settled in shares of the issuer's common stock promptly, but in no event later than 30 days, following the applicable quarterly vesting date.

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- (4) Represents shares held by the Manager and SFIP, L.P. ("SFIP"). Starwood Capital Group Global, L.P. ("SCGG") is the sole member of the Manager. Mr. Sternlicht is the controlling partner of each of SFIP and SCGG.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock.
Represents the 2,000,000 2014 RSUs granted to the Manager, the 489,281 Distribution RSUs granted to the Manager and the 675,000
- (6) 2015 RSUs granted to the Manager, less those restricted stock units that have already vested and been converted into shares of common stock.

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