

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.
 Form 4
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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)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CEO, Chairman of Board

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC., 591 WEST PUTNAM AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/18/2015

(Street)
 GREENWICH, CT 06830

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

| 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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 817,817 | I | By controlled entities ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 12/18/2015 | | G | | \$ 723,771 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| | | | | | 20.64 ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| | | | | | 4,367,480 | D | |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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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 12/22/2015

**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) Represents shares of the issuer's common stock contributed as a charitable gift from Mr. Sternlicht to The Sternlicht Family Foundation 2, Inc., a charitable foundation of which Mr. Sternlicht is the President. The market closing price of the issuer's common stock on the date of such gift was \$20.64, but Mr. Sternlicht did not receive any value for the gift of these shares. Mr. Sternlicht specifically disclaims any beneficial ownership in these shares.
 - (2) Represents shares of the issuer's common stock 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.

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