

REDWOOD TRUST INC

Form 4

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NICHOLAS BRETT D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 BELVEDERE PLACE, SUITE 300

(Street)

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT]

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

12/07/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

CIO/Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock Units (1)	\$ 10.53 (2)	12/07/2011	A		77,358		(3)	(4)	Common Stock	77,358	
Performance Stock Units (5)	\$ 9.83 (6)	12/07/2011	A		77,358 (7)		(8)	(9)	Common Stock	77,358	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
NICHOLAS BRETT D 1 BELVEDERE PLACE SUITE 300 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941	CIO/Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

Brett D.
Nicholas 12/08/2011

__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) This transaction relates to the grant of Deferred Stock Units.
- (2) Represents grant date fair value of the DSUs issued, based on the fair market value of RWT common stock on the transaction date under the 2002 Incentive Plan.
- (3) 25% vests 1/1/2013, 6.25% every quarter thereafter. Fully vested 1/1/2016.
- (4) No expiration date is applicable to Deferred Stock Units.
- (5) This transaction relates to the grant of Performance Stock Units ("PSUs"), which are performance-based equity awards. The number of underlying shares of common stock of Redwood Trust, Inc. ("Common Stock") that vest and that the recipient becomes entitled to receive at the time of vesting will generally range from 0% to 200% of a target number of PSUs granted, contingent on the achievement of a pre-established performance metric (with the target number of PSUs granted being adjusted to reflect the value of any dividends on Common Stock paid during the vesting period). Vesting of these PSUs will generally occur at the end of three years (on December 6, 2014) based on three-year total stockholder return. Please refer to Item 5.02(e) of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 8, 2011 by Redwood Trust, Inc. for a description of the terms of these PSUs, which Item 5.02(e) qualifies, in its entirety, the description set forth in this footnote (5) and footnote (7) below.
- (6) Represents grant date fair value of the PSUs issued, based on the fair market value of RWT common stock on the transaction date under the 2002 Incentive Plan.

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- (7) Represents the target number of PSUs granted.
- (8) Shares are subject to minimum mandatory holding period and will be delivered to the Participant no sooner than May 1, 2015.
- (9) No expiration date is applicable to performance stock units.

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