STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading STERNLICHT BARRY S Issuer Symbol STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, (Check all applicable) INC. [STWD] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O STARWOOD PROPERTY 09/30/2015 CEO, Chairman of Board TRUST, INC., 591 WEST PUTNAM **AVENUE** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting GREENWICH, CT 06830 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 4. Securities Acquired Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount By Common (2) 09/30/2015 M 342,528 1,477,794 I controlled Stock entities (4) Common 4,305,120 D Stock

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	09/30/2015		M	342,528 (1) (2) (3)	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	342,528

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

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CEO, Chairman of Board

Signatures

/s/ Barry S. 10/01/2015 Sternlicht

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
 - On September 30, 2015, SPT Management, LLC, the issuer's external manager (the "Manager"), acquired 342,528 shares of the issuer's common stock in connection with the vesting of (i) 72,916 restricted stock units of the restricted stock units originally granted to the
- (1) Manager on October 10, 2012 as an award under the Starwood Property Trust, Inc. Manager Equity Plan (the "2012 RSUs"), (ii) 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"), (continued in Footnote 2 below)
 - (iii) 46,695 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
- (2) Residential Trust to holders of shares of the issuer's common stock on January 24, 2014 (the "Distribution RSUs") and (iv) 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) As of September 30, 2015, the 2012 RSUs have fully vested. 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

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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.

- (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 2015 RSUs granted to the Manager, less those restricted stock units that have already vested and been converted into shares of common
- (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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