

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

Form 8-K

August 10, 2016

**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): **August 4, 2016**

**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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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01.**

**Other Events.**

On August 4, 2016, the Board of Directors (the **Board**) of Starwood Property Trust, Inc. (the **Company**) and the Investment Committee of SPT Management, LLC (the **Manager**) approved and adopted an amendment to the investment guidelines for the Company (the **Investment Guidelines**), as set forth in Exhibit A to the Management Agreement, dated as of August 17, 2009 and as amended from time to time, by and between the Company and the Manager, effective immediately. Such amendment modifies and restates Section 6 of the Investment Guidelines, concerning investment approval procedure, to provide that: (a) any investment by the Company that is less than \$150 million will require approval of the Chief Executive Officer of the Company; (b) any investment by the Company that is equal to or in excess of \$150 million but less than \$250 million will require approval of the Investment Committee of the Manager; (c) any investment by the Company that is equal to or in excess of \$250 million but less than \$400 million will require approval of each of the Investment Committee of the Board and the Investment Committee of the Manager; and (d) any investment by the Company that is equal to or in excess of \$400 million will require approval of each of the Board and the Investment Committee of the Manager. For purposes of Section 6 of the Investment Guidelines, under such amendment, the total amount of any investment by the Company shall be equal to the Company's committed loan amount at the consummation of the transaction, minus any amount of exposure being sold or financed off the Company's balance sheet at the consummation of the transaction.

**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: August 10, 2016

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

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| By:    | /s/ Andrew J. Sossen                        |
| Name:  | Andrew J. Sossen                            |
| Title: | Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel |