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STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC. Form 4 January 04, 2017 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 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) below) C/O STARWOOD PROPERTY 12/31/2016 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 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 6. 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 anv (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 (1)By Common (2) 12/31/2016 M 255,400 A 1,365,205 Ι controlled Stock (3)entities (4)Common 3,682,464 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of iorDerivative 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	<u>(5)</u>	12/31/2016		М		255,400 $(1) (2) (3)$	(1)(2)(3)	(1)(2)(3)	Common Stock	255,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STERNLICHT BARRY S C/O STARWOOD PROP 591 WEST PUTNAM AV GREENWICH, CT 06830	Х		CEO, Chairman of Board				
Signatures							
/s/ Barry S. Sternlicht	01/04/2017						
**Signature of	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).

On December 31, 2016, SPT Management, LLC, the issuer's external manager (the "Manager"), acquired 255,400 shares of the issuer's common stock in connection with the vesting of (i) 166,666 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

- (1) 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 Colony Starwood Homes (formerly known as 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)
- (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").

The remaining 2015 RSUs will vest ratably in quarterly installments through March 31, 2018, subject to the Manager's continued service(3) as the issuer's external manager. 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)

Reporting Person

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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.
- (6) Represents 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 stock.

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