

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

Form 8-K

December 05, 2014

**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): **December 4, 2014**

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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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 4, 2014, Starwood Property Trust, Inc. (the Company) entered into Amendment No. 2 (the Amendment) to the Management Agreement dated as of August 17, 2009 (as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Management Agreement, dated as of May 7, 2012, the Management Agreement), between the Company and SPT Management, LLC (the Manager) to clarify the calculation of the incentive compensation payable to the Manager as a result of the Company's spin-off of Starwood Waypoint Residential Trust (SWAY) on January 31, 2014.

The definition of incentive compensation in the Management Agreement did not include language that accounted for a spin-off. As a result, the Company's independent directors decided that it was advisable, in order to reflect the original intent of the Management Agreement, for the Company to amend the Management Agreement to revise the definition of incentive compensation to account for the spin-off of SWAY when calculating incentive compensation payable to the Manager. Specifically, the Amendment reflects the following revised definition of incentive compensation (revisions to the definition are reflected below in the underlined and bold text):

Incentive Compensation means the incentive management fee calculated and payable with respect to each calendar quarter (or part thereof that this Agreement is in effect) in arrears in an amount, not less than zero, equal to the difference between (1) the product of (a) 20% and (b) the difference between (i) Core Earnings of the Company for the previous 12-month period, and (ii) the product of (A) the weighted average of the issue price per share of the Common Stock of all of the Company's public offerings of Common Stock multiplied by the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock outstanding (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any restricted shares of Common Stock, restricted stock units or any shares of Common Stock underlying other awards granted under one or more of the Company's Equity Incentive Plans) in the previous 12-month period and (B) 8%, and (2) the sum of any Incentive Compensation paid to the Manager with respect to the first three calendar quarters of such previous 12-month period; provided, however, that **(1) no Incentive Compensation shall be payable with respect to any calendar quarter unless Core Earnings for the 12 most recently completed calendar quarters is greater than zero and (2) for purposes of clause (1)(a)(ii)(A) above, on and after January 31, 2014, the computation of the weighted average issue price per share of the Common Stock shall be decreased to give effect to the book value per share on January 31, 2014 of the assets of the Company's formerly wholly-owned subsidiary, Starwood Waypoint Residential Trust, which was spun-off on January 31, 2014, and the computation of the average number of shares of Common Stock outstanding shall be decreased by the weighted-average number of shares of Starwood Waypoint Residential Trust distributed in the spin-off on January 31, 2014.**

The foregoing description of the Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete terms of the Amendment, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	Amendment No. 2, dated December 4, 2014, to Management Agreement, dated August 17, 2009, as amended, between Starwood Property Trust, Inc. and SPT Management, LLC

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: December 5, 2014

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

By:	/s/ Andrew J. Sossen
Name:	Andrew J. Sossen
Title:	Chief Operating Officer

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