

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.
Form 8-K
May 03, 2018

**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): **May 2, 2018**

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**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 2, 2018, Starwood Property Trust, Inc. (the Company) held its 2018 annual meeting of stockholders (the Annual Meeting). At the Annual Meeting, the Company's stockholders: (i) elected the six persons listed below as directors of the Company, each to serve until the Company's 2019 annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified; (ii) approved, on an advisory basis, the Company's executive compensation as disclosed in the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on April 6, 2018; and (iii) ratified the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the calendar year ending December 31, 2018. Set forth below are the voting results for each of the proposals voted upon by the Company's stockholders at the Annual Meeting:

Proposal 1 Election of Directors

| Nominee | For | Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| Richard D. Bronson | 129,076,387 | 35,665,321 | 65,283,206 |
| Jeffrey G. Dishner | 160,778,526 | 3,963,182 | 65,283,206 |
| Camille J. Douglas | 129,599,794 | 35,141,914 | 65,283,206 |
| Solomon J. Kumin | 149,698,303 | 15,043,405 | 65,283,206 |
| Barry S. Sternlicht | 158,871,201 | 5,870,507 | 65,283,206 |
| Strauss Zelnick | 128,872,703 | 35,869,005 | 65,283,206 |

Proposal 2 Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| 131,892,537 | 31,841,742 | 1,007,429 | 65,283,206 |

Proposal 3 Ratification of Appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2018

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 228,290,488 | 1,345,663 | 388,763 | 0 |

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: May 3, 2018

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

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