STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee(1)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	\$250,000,000	\$28,650

(1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(o).

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To Prospectus dated August 23, 2010)

\$250,000,000

Starwood Property Trust, Inc.

Common Stock

We have entered into an ATM Equity OfferingSM Sales Agreement, or the sales agreement, with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, or the agent, relating to our shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

In accordance with the terms of the sales agreement, we may offer and sell shares of our common stock having an aggregate gross sales price of up to \$250,000,000 from time to time through the agent, as our sales agent. Sales of the shares, if any, will be made by means of ordinary brokers' transactions or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, under the trading symbol "STWD." The last reported sale price of our common stock on the NYSE on June 21, 2012 was \$20.79 per share.

To assist us in maintaining our qualification as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, subject to certain exceptions, no person may own more than 9.8% by value or number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of our outstanding shares of common stock, or of our outstanding capital stock. You should read the information under the section entitled "Description of Capital Stock Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer" in the accompanying prospectus for a description of these restrictions.

The compensation to the agent for sales of our common stock will be a commission that will not exceed, but may be lower than, 2.0% of the gross sales price of the shares sold pursuant to the sales agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions of the sales agreement, the agent will use commercially reasonable efforts to sell the common stock on our behalf. Under the terms of the sales agreement, we may also sell our common stock to the agent as principal at prices agreed upon at the time of sale. If we sell our common stock to the agent as principal, we will enter into a separate terms agreement with the agent.

Investing in our common stock involves certain risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-3 of this prospectus supplement and in the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, to read about factors you should consider before making an investment in our common stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

BofA Merrill Lynch

The date of this prospectus supplement is June 22, 2012

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. We have not, and the agent has not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the agent is not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any such free writing prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of this offering and also adds to or updates the information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which provides more general information about our common stock and other securities that do not pertain to this offering of common stock. To the extent that the information contained in this prospectus supplement conflicts with any information in the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference, the information in this prospectus supplement may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should read this entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference carefully before deciding whether to invest in our common stock.

Unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise, references in this prospectus supplement to "the Company," "our company," "we," "us" and "our" mean Starwood Property Trust, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents we incorporate herein and therein by reference contain certain forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, statements concerning our operations, economic performance and financial condition. These forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are developed by combining currently available information with our beliefs and assumptions and are generally identified by the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate" and other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements do not guarantee future performance, which may be materially different from that expressed in, or implied by, any such statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates.

These forward-looking statements are based largely on our current beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future performance taking into account all information currently available to us. These beliefs, assumptions and expectations can change as a result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to us or within our control, and which could materially affect actual results, performance or achievements. Factors that may cause actual results to vary from our forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

factors described in our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on

Form 10-Q, including those set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" and "Business," and in our other periodic reports filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference herein; defaults by borrowers in paying debt service on outstanding items; impairment in the value of real estate property securing our loans; availability of mortgage origination and acquisition opportunities acceptable to us; potential mismatches in the timing of asset repayments and the maturity of the associated financing agreements; national and local economic and business conditions: general and local commercial real estate property conditions; changes in federal government policies; changes in federal, state and local governmental laws and regulations; increased competition from entities engaged in mortgage lending; changes in interest rates; and the availability of and costs associated with sources of liquidity.

In light of these risks and uncertainties, there can be no assurances that the results referred to in the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents we incorporate herein and therein by reference will in fact occur. Except to the extent required by applicable law or regulation, we undertake no obligation to, and expressly disclaim any such obligation to, update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated

events, changes to future results over time or otherwise.

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STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

We are a Maryland corporation that commenced operations in August 2009, upon the completion of our initial public offering. We are focused on originating, investing in, financing and managing commercial mortgage loans and other commercial real estate debt investments, commercial mortgage-backed securities, or CMBS, and other commercial real estate-related debt investments. In addition, we invest in residential mortgage loans and residential mortgage-backed securities, or RMBS, and we may also invest in certain other assets as described below under " Target Assets." As market conditions change over time, we may adjust our strategy to take advantage of changes in interest rates and credit spreads as well as economic and credit conditions. We believe that the diversification of our portfolio of assets, our expertise among our target asset classes, and the flexibility of our strategy positions us to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns for our stockholders in a variety of assets and market conditions.

We are externally managed and advised by SPT Management, LLC, or our manager, pursuant to the terms of a management agreement. Our manager is controlled by Barry Sternlicht, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Our manager is an affiliate of Starwood Capital Group, a privately held private equity firm founded and controlled by Mr. Sternlicht.

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes, commencing with our initial taxable year ended December 31, 2009. We also operate our business in a manner that permits us to maintain our exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Investment Company Act.

Our corporate headquarters office is located at 591 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and our telephone number is (203) 422-8100.

Target Assets

Our target assets include the following types of loans and other investments with respect to commercial real estate:

whole mortgage loans: loans secured by a first mortgage lien on a commercial property that provide long-term mortgage financing to commercial property developers or owners generally having maturity dates ranging from three to ten years;

bridge loans: whole mortgage loans secured by a first mortgage lien on a commercial property that provide interim or bridge financing to borrowers seeking short-term capital typically for the acquisition of real estate;

"B-Notes": typically a privately negotiated loan that is secured by a first mortgage on a single large commercial property or group of related properties and subordinated to an "A-Note" secured by the same first mortgage on the same property or group;

mezzanine loans: loans made to commercial property owners that are secured by pledges of the borrower's ownership interests in the property and/or the property owner, subordinate to whole mortgage loans secured by first or second mortgage liens on the property and senior to the borrower's equity in the property;

construction or rehabilitation loans: mortgage loans and mezzanine loans to finance the cost of construction or rehabilitation of a commercial property;

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CMBS: securities that are collateralized by commercial mortgage loans, including:

senior and subordinated investment grade CMBS,

below investment grade CMBS, and

unrated CMBS.

corporate bank debt: term loans and revolving credit facilities of commercial real estate operating or finance companies, each of which are generally secured by such companies' assets;

corporate bonds: debt securities issued by commercial real estate operating or finance companies that may or may not be secured by such companies' assets, including:

investment grade corporate bonds,

below investment grade corporate bonds, and

unrated corporate bonds.

In addition, we may invest in the following types of investments relating to real estate:

RMBS: securities collateralized by residential mortgage loans, including:

Non-Agency RMBS: RMBS that are not guaranteed by any U.S. government agency or federally chartered corporation, and

Agency RMBS: RMBS for which a U.S. government agency or a federally chartered corporation guarantees payments of principal and interest on the securities,

residential REO and distressed or non-performing loans: portfolios of (i) residential real estate assets acquired by us directly or indirectly in settlement of loans, or residential REO, and (ii) distressed or non-performing residential mortgage loans acquired with the expectation of their conversion into residential REO or other commercial resolution, with such residential REO, in each case, to be held for lease and potentially for sale on an opportunistic basis;

net leases: commercial properties subject to net leases, which leases typically have longer terms than gross leases, require tenants to pay substantially all of the operating costs associated with the properties and often have contractually specified rent increases throughout their terms; and

residential mortgage loans: loans secured by a first mortgage lien on a residential property.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should carefully read and consider the risks described below as well as the risks described in our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and in our other periodic reports filed with the SEC, and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as the other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, before making a decision to invest in our common stock. Each of these risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and prospects, and could result in a partial or complete loss of your investment.

Risks Related to This Offering

The market price and trading volume of our common stock could be volatile and the market price of our common stock could decline, resulting in a substantial or complete loss of your investment.

The stock markets, including the NYSE, which is the exchange on which we list our common stock, have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations. Overall weakness in the economy and other factors have recently contributed to extreme volatility of the equity markets generally, including the market price of our common stock. As a result, the market price of our common stock has been and may continue to be volatile, and investors in our common stock may experience a decrease in the value of their shares, including decreases unrelated to our operating performance or prospects. Some of the factors that could negatively affect our stock price or result in fluctuations in the price or trading volume of our common stock include:

our actual or projected operating results, financial condition, cash flows and liquidity, or changes in business strategy or prospects;
actual or perceived conflicts of interest with our manager or Starwood Capital Group and individuals, including our executives;
equity issuances by us, or share resales by our stockholders, or the perception that such issuances or resales may occur;
actual or anticipated accounting problems;
publication of research reports about us or the real estate industry;
changes in market valuations of similar companies;
adverse market reaction to the level of leverage we employ;
additions to or departures of our manager's or Starwood Capital Group's key personnel;
speculation in the press or investment community;
our failure to meet, or the lowering of, our earnings' estimates or those of any securities analysts;

increases in market interest rates, which may lead investors to demand a higher distribution yield for our common stock and would result in increased interest expenses on our debt;

failure to maintain our REIT qualification;

uncertainty regarding our exemption from the Investment Company Act;

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price and volume fluctuations in the stock market generally; and

general market and economic conditions, including the current state of the credit and capital markets.

In the past, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against companies following periods of volatility in their share price. This type of litigation could result in substantial costs and divert our management's attention and resources.

There may be dilution of our common stock as a result of this offering and additional issuances of our securities, which could adversely impact our stock price.

The issuance of shares of common stock from time to time pursuant to the sales agreement and the receipt of the expected net proceeds may have a dilutive effect on our earnings per share. The actual amount of dilution, if any, will be based on numerous factors, particularly the actual number of shares issued pursuant to the sales agreement, the use of proceeds and the return generated by the investments acquired with the net proceeds, and cannot be determined at this time.

Our board of directors is authorized under our charter to, among other things, authorize the issuance of additional shares of our common stock or the issuance of shares of preferred stock or securities convertible or exchangeable into equity securities, without stockholder approval. We may issue such additional equity or convertible or exchangeable securities to raise additional capital. However, because our decision to issue additional equity or convertible or exchangeable securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Holders of shares of our common stock have no preemptive rights that entitle them to purchase their pro rata share of any offering of shares of any class or series. Therefore, it may not be possible for existing stockholders to participate in such future share issuances, which may dilute the existing stockholders' interests in us. Additionally, any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue in the future may have rights, preferences and privileges more favorable than those of our common stock. Also, we cannot predict the effect, if any, of future sales of our common stock, or the availability of shares for future sales, on the market price of our common stock. Sales of substantial amounts of common stock or the perception that such sales could occur may adversely affect the prevailing market price for our common stock.

We have not established a minimum distribution payment level and no assurance can be given that we will be able to make distributions to our stockholders in the future at current levels or at all.

We are generally required to distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our taxable income each year for us to qualify as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, which requirement we currently intend to satisfy through quarterly distributions of all or substantially all of our REIT taxable income in such year, subject to certain adjustments. We have not established a minimum distribution payment level, and our ability to pay distributions may be adversely affected by a number of factors, including the risk factors contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Although we have made, and anticipate continuing to make, quarterly distributions to our stockholders, our board of directors has the sole discretion to determine the timing, form and amount of any future distributions to our stockholders, and such determination will depend on our earnings, our financial condition, debt covenants, maintenance of our REIT qualification and other factors as our board of directors may deem relevant from time to time. We believe that a change in any one of the following factors could adversely affect our results of operations and impair our ability to continue to pay distributions to our stockholders:

the profitability of the investment of the net proceeds from our equity offerings;

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our ability to make profitable investments;

margin calls or other expenses that reduce our cash flow;

defaults in our asset portfolio or decreases in the value of our portfolio; and

the fact that anticipated operating expense levels may not prove accurate, as actual results may vary from estimates.

As a result, no assurance can be given that we will be able to continue to make distributions to our stockholders in the future or that the level of any future distributions we do make to our stockholders will achieve a market yield or increase or even be maintained over time, any of which could materially and adversely affect us.

In addition, distributions that we make to our stockholders are generally taxable to our stockholders as ordinary income. However, a portion of our distributions may be designated by us as long-term capital gains to the extent that they are attributable to capital gain income recognized by us or may constitute a return of capital to the extent that they exceed our earnings and profits as determined for tax purposes. A return of capital is not taxable, but has the effect of reducing the basis of a stockholder's investment in our common stock.

Investing in our common stock may involve a high degree of risk.

The investments that we make in accordance with our investment objectives may result in a high amount of risk, resulting in a complete loss of principal, when compared to alternative investment options. Our investments may be highly speculative and aggressive, and therefore an investment in our common stock may not be suitable for someone with lower risk tolerance.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from any sale of shares of common stock offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to originate and to purchase additional commercial mortgage loans and other target assets. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds for other general corporate purposes, including, but not limited to, the payment of liabilities and other working capital needs.

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SUPPLEMENTAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion supplements the discussion under the section entitled "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus. Terms used in this section but not defined in this section have the meanings ascribed to them elsewhere in this prospectus supplement or in the section entitled "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus. You should refer to the discussion in the accompanying prospectus under "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" for a discussion of the tax consequences of our election to be taxed as a REIT and additional information regarding the tax consequences to owners of shares of our common stock.

Recent Legislation

On December 17, 2010, the President signed the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act, which we refer to as the 2010 Tax Relief Act. The 2010 Tax Relief Act continues the 35% maximum tax rate on ordinary income and the 15% maximum tax rate for long-term capital gains and qualified dividend income for taxable years through December 31, 2012, for individual taxpayers, trusts and estates. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, the capital gains tax rate is scheduled to increase to 20%, and the rate applicable to qualified dividends is scheduled to increase to the tax rate then applicable to ordinary income. In addition, the backup withholding rate remains at 28% through December 31, 2012. Because we are not generally subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of our REIT taxable income or capital gains distributed to our stockholders, our dividends will generally not be eligible for the 15% tax rate on qualified dividends. As a result, our ordinary REIT dividends will continue to be taxed at the higher tax rates applicable to ordinary income. However, the 15% tax rate for long-term capital gains and qualified dividends will generally apply to: (i) long-term capital gains, if any, recognized on the disposition of our shares; (ii) our distributions designated as long-term capital gain dividends (except to the extent attributable to "unrecaptured Section 1250 gain," in which case such distributions would continue to be subject to a 25% tax rate); (iii) our dividends attributable to dividends received by us from non-REIT corporations, such as taxable REIT subsidiaries; and (iv) our dividends to the extent attributable to income upon which we have paid corporate income tax (e.g., to the extent that we distribute less than 100% of our taxable income).

HIRE Act

Legislation enacted in 2010 will generally impose a 30% withholding tax on dividends on shares of our common stock and the gross proceeds of a disposition of shares of our common stock paid to (i) a foreign financial institution (as that term is defined in Section 1471(d)(4) of the Code) unless that foreign financial institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. Treasury Department to collect and disclose information regarding U.S. account holders of that foreign financial institution (including certain account holders that are foreign entities that have U.S. owners) and satisfies other requirements, and (ii) specified other non-U.S. entities unless such an entity provides the payor with a certification identifying the direct and indirect U.S. owners of the entity and complies with other requirements. Under specified circumstances, a Non-U.S. Holder of shares of our common stock may be eligible for refunds or credits of those taxes. Proposed Treasury Regulations have been issued providing that the withholding provisions described above will apply to payments of dividends on shares of our common stock made on or after January 1, 2014 and to payments of gross proceeds of a disposition of shares of our common stock on or after January 1, 2015. You are encouraged to consult with your own tax advisor regarding the possible implications of this legislation on your investment in shares of our common stock.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We have entered into the sales agreement with the agent under which we may offer and sell shares of our common stock having an aggregate gross sales price of up to \$250,000,000 from time to time through the agent, as our sales agent. Sales of our common stock, if any, will be made by means of ordinary brokers' transactions on the NYSE or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. As sales agent, the agent will not engage in any transactions that stabilize the price of our common stock.

Under the terms of the sales agreement, we also may sell shares of our common stock to the agent as principal for its own account at a price agreed upon at the time of sale, in which case we will enter into a separate terms agreement with the agent. The agent may offer the common stock sold to it as principal from time to time through public or private transactions at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at fixed prices, at negotiated prices, at various prices determined at the time of sale or at prices related to prevailing market prices.

The agent will offer our common stock subject to the terms and conditions of the sales agreement on a daily basis or as otherwise agreed upon by us and the agent. We will designate the maximum amount of common stock to be sold through the agent on a daily basis or otherwise determine such maximum amount together with the agent. Subject to the terms and conditions of the sales agreement, the agent will use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell on our behalf all of the designated common stock. We may instruct the agent not to sell common stock if the sales cannot be effected at or above the price made through the agent designated by us in any such instruction. We or the agent may suspend the offering of our common stock being made through the agent under the sales agreement upon proper notice to the other party.

The agent will receive from us a commission that will not exceed, but may be lower than, 2.0% of the gross sales price of the shares sold through it as sales agent under the sales agreement. The remaining sales proceeds, after deducting any expenses payable by us and any transaction fees imposed by any governmental, regulatory, or self-regulatory organization in connection with the sales, will equal our net proceeds for the sale of such shares.

The agent will provide written confirmation to us following the close of trading on the NYSE each day in which common stock is sold under the sales agreement. Each confirmation will include the number of shares sold on that day, the gross sales price per share, the net proceeds to us and the compensation payable by us to the agent.

Settlement for sales of our common stock will occur, unless the parties agree otherwise, on the third business day that is also a trading day following the date on which any sales were made in return for payment of the proceeds to us net of compensation paid by us to the agent. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

We will report at least quarterly the number of shares of our common stock sold through the agent under the sales agreement, the net proceeds to us and the compensation paid by us to the agent in connection with the sales of such shares.

In connection with sales of common stock on our behalf, the agent may, and in connection with sales of common stock purchased by the agent as principal will, be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Act, and the compensation paid to the agent may, or will, as applicable, be deemed to be underwriting commissions. We have agreed in the sales agreement to provide indemnification and contribution to the agent against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

If we or the agent has reason to believe that our common stock is no longer an "actively-traded security" as defined under Rule 101(c)(1) of Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of

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1934, or the Exchange Act, that party will promptly so notify the other party, and sales of our common stock under the sales agreement will be suspended until that or other exemptive provisions have been satisfied in the judgment of us and the agent.

In the ordinary course of their business, the agent and/or its affiliates have in the past performed, and may continue to perform, investment banking, broker dealer, lending, financial advisory, or other services for us and for our manager and its affiliates for which they have received, or may receive, separate fees.

We have agreed to reimburse the agent for certain expenses in certain circumstances in connection with this offering. We estimate that the total expenses of the offering payable by us, excluding commissions and reimbursements under the sales agreement, will be approximately \$650,000.

The offering of our common stock pursuant to the sales agreement will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the sale of shares of our common stock subject to the sales agreement having an aggregate offering price of \$250,000,000 and (2) the termination of the sales agreement by either the agent or us.

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EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and related financial statement schedule incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for us by Sidley Austin LLP, New York, New York, and, with respect to matters of Maryland law, by Foley & Lardner LLP, Washington, D.C. Certain legal matters in connection with this offering will be passed upon for the agent by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, New York.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any of these documents at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also read and copy any of these documents at the NYSE's office at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our SEC filings are also available over the Internet at the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. In addition, copies of our SEC filings are available free of charge through our website (www.starwoodpropertytrust.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after filing with the SEC. The information contained on our website is not part of, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are only part of a registration statement on Form S-3 we have filed with the SEC under the Securities Act and therefore omit some of the information contained in the registration statement. We have also filed exhibits to the registration statement which are excluded from this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and you should refer to the applicable exhibit for a complete description of any statement referring to any contract or other document. You may inspect or obtain a copy of the registration statement, including the exhibits, as described in the previous paragraph.

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INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

SEC rules allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document. Any information referred to in this way is considered part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus from the date we file that document. Any reports filed by us with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement and before the date that this offering is terminated will automatically update and, where applicable, supersede any information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or incorporated by reference herein and therein. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus the following documents or information filed with the SEC (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2012;

our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 4, 2012;

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on April 20, 2012, May 3, 2012 and May 8, 2012; and

the description of our common stock included in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed on August 7, 2009.

All documents that we file (but not those that we furnish) pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of this prospectus supplement and prior to the termination of this offering shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and will automatically update and supersede the information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any previously filed documents.

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are delivered, upon his or her written or oral request, a copy of any or all documents referred to above that have been or may be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, excluding exhibits to those documents unless they are specifically incorporated by reference into those documents. Requests for those documents should be directed to us as follows: Starwood Property Trust, Inc., 591 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830, Attention: Investor Relations, Telephone: (203) 422-8100.

PROSPECTUS

Starwood Property Trust, Inc.

Common Stock Preferred Stock Warrants to Purchase Common Stock

We may offer, issue and sell from time to time, together or separately, the securities described in this prospectus.

We will provide the specific terms of any securities we may offer in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest. This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell any securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement describing the amount of and terms of the offering of those securities.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, or directly to purchasers on a continuous or delayed basis. We reserve the sole right to accept, and together with any underwriters, dealers and agents, reserve the right to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of securities. The names of any underwriters, dealers or agents involved in the sale of any securities, the specific manner in which they may be offered and any applicable commissions or discounts will be set forth in the prospectus supplement covering the sales of those securities.

Our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "STWD." On August 20, 2010, the closing price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$19.05.

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully read and consider the risks described under the section entitled "Risk Factors" included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, in prospectus supplements relating to specific offerings of securities and in other information that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission before making a decision to invest in our securities.

We impose certain restrictions on the ownership and transfer of shares of our common stock and our other capital stock. You should read the information under the section entitled "Description of Capital Stock Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer" in this prospectus for a description of these restrictions.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is August 23, 2010.

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any applicable free writing prospectus. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to purchase, any securities in any jurisdiction to or from any person to whom or from whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement, any applicable free writing prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein is accurate only as of their respective dates or on the date or dates which are specified in these documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a "shelf" registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings, any combination of the securities described in this prospectus. The exhibits to our registration statement contain the full text of certain contracts and other important documents that we have summarized in this prospectus or that we may summarize in a prospectus supplement. Because these summaries may not contain all the information that you may find important in deciding whether to purchase the securities we offer, you should review the full text of these documents. The registration statement and the exhibits can be obtained from the SEC as indicated under the sections entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Documents Incorporated By Reference."

This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer, which is not meant to be a complete description of each security. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that contains specific information about the terms of those securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read carefully both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the sections entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Documents Incorporated By Reference."

Unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise, in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement hereto, references to "our company," "we," "us" and "our" mean Starwood Property Trust, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

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STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

Starwood Property Trust, Inc. is a Maryland corporation that commenced operations on August 17, 2009, upon the completion of our initial public offering. We are focused primarily on originating, investing in, financing and managing commercial mortgage loans and other commercial real estate debt investments, commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS"), and other commercial real estate-related debt investments. We will also invest in residential mortgage loans and residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS"). We collectively refer to commercial mortgage loans, other commercial real estate debt investments, CMBS, other commercial real estate-related debt investments, residential mortgage loans, and RMBS as our target assets.

Our objective is to provide attractive risk adjusted returns to our investors over the long term, primarily through dividends and secondarily through capital appreciation. In order to achieve these objectives, we are focusing on asset selection and the relative value of various sectors within the debt market to construct a diversified investment portfolio designed to produce attractive returns across a variety of market conditions and economic cycles.

We are externally managed and advised by SPT Management, LLC pursuant to the terms of a management agreement. SPT Management, LLC, is controlled by Barry Sternlicht, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. SPT Management, LLC is an affiliate of Starwood Capital Group, a privately-held private equity firm founded and controlled by Mr. Sternlicht. Since its inception in 1991, Starwood Capital Group (including Starwood Capital-named affiliates controlled by Mr. Sternlicht) has sponsored numerous opportunistic funds, including dedicated debt funds, dedicated hotel funds and several standalone and co-investment partnerships.

We intend to elect to be taxed as a real estate investment trust ("REIT"), for U.S. federal income tax purposes, commencing with our taxable year ending December 31, 2009. We generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes on our taxable income to the extent that we annually distribute all of our taxable income to stockholders and maintain our qualification as a REIT. We also operate our business in a manner that permits us to maintain our exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Our corporate headquarters office is located at 591 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, and our telephone number is (203) 422-8100.

RISK FACTORS

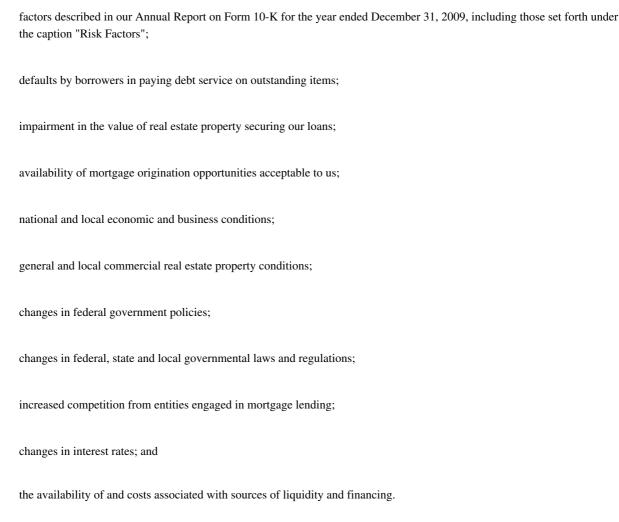
Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully read and consider the risks described under the section entitled "Risk Factors" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, which are incorporated by reference herein, as well as the other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and in any applicable prospectus supplement, before making a decision to invest in our securities. Each of the risks described in these documents could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, and could result in a partial or complete loss of your investment.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents we incorporate herein by reference contain certain forward-looking statements, including without limitation, statements concerning our operations, economic performance and financial condition. These forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are developed by combining currently available information with our beliefs and assumptions and are generally identified by the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate" and other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements do not guarantee future performance, which may be materially different

from that expressed in, or implied by, any such statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates.

These forward-looking statements are based largely on our current beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future performance taking into account all information currently available to us. These beliefs, assumptions and expectations can change as a result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to us or within our control, and which could materially affect actual results, performance or achievements. Factors that may cause actual results to vary from our forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:



In light of these risks and uncertainties, there can be no assurances that the results referred to in the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus and the documents we incorporate herein by reference will in fact occur. Except to the extent required by applicable law or regulation, we undertake no obligation to, and expressly disclaim any such obligation to, update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events, changes to future results over time or otherwise.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the offering of securities under this prospectus for general corporate purposes, including funding our investment activity, repayment of indebtedness and working capital. Further details relating to the use of the net proceeds from the offering of securities under this prospectus will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth our ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock distributions for the periods shown:

For the six months ended June 30, 2010

4.2x

For the period August 17, 2009 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2009

(a)

Ratio of earnings (loss) to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends

(a) For the period from August 17, 2009 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2009, our losses exceeded our fixed

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

charges by approximately \$1.1 million. The coverage deficiency for total fixed charges for this period was \$3.0 million to arrive at a

The following is a summary of the material rights and preferences of our capital stock. While we believe that the following description covers the material terms of our capital stock, the description may not contain all of the information that is important to you. We encourage you to read carefully this entire prospectus, our charter and bylaws and the other documents we refer to for a more complete understanding of our capital stock. Copies of our charter and bylaws are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. See "Where You Can Find More Information."

General

Our charter provides that we may issue up to 500,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share. Our charter authorizes our board of directors to amend our charter to increase or decrease the aggregate number of authorized shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series without stockholder approval. As of August 20, 2010, 47,587,800 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding and no shares of preferred stock were issued and outstanding.

Under Maryland law, stockholders are not personally liable for the debts or obligations of a corporation solely as a result of their status as stockholders.

Shares of Common Stock

one-to-one ratio.

Subject to the preferential rights of any other class or series of shares of stock and to the restrictions on ownership and transfer of shares of stock contained in our charter, holders of shares of common stock are entitled to receive dividends on such shares of common stock out of assets legally available therefor if, as and when authorized by our board of directors and declared by us, and the holders of our shares of common stock are entitled to share ratably in our assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up after payment of or adequate provision for all our known debts and liabilities.

The shares of common stock that we may offer will be issued by us and do not represent any interest in or obligation of Starwood Capital Group or any of its affiliates. Further, the shares are not a deposit or other obligation of any bank, are not an insurance policy of any insurance company and are not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC, any other governmental agency or any insurance company. The shares of common stock that we may offer will not benefit from any insurance guarantee association coverage or any similar protection.

Subject to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on ownership and transfer of shares of stock contained in our charter and except as may otherwise be specified in the terms of any class or series of shares of common stock, each outstanding share of common stock entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors, and, except as provided with respect to any other class or series of shares of stock, the holders of such shares of common stock will possess the exclusive voting power. There is no cumulative voting in the election of our board of directors, which means that the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock can elect all of the directors then standing for election, and the holders of the remaining shares will not be able to elect any directors.

Holders of shares of common stock have no preference, conversion, exchange, sinking fund or redemption rights, have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any securities of our company and generally have no appraisal rights. Subject to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on ownership and transfer of shares of stock, shares of common stock will have equal dividend, liquidation and other rights.

Under the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL"), a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge with another entity or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business unless approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders holding at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter unless a lesser percentage (but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter) is set forth in the corporation's charter. Our charter provides that these matters (other than the removal of directors for cause and an amendment to our charter related to the removal of directors for cause) may be approved by a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter also provides that we may sell or transfer all or substantially all of our assets if approved by our board of directors and by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

Power to Reclassify Our Unissued Shares of Stock

Our charter authorizes our board of directors to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of common or preferred stock into other classes or series of shares of stock. Prior to issuance of shares of each class or series, our board of directors is required by Maryland law and by our charter to set, subject to our charter restrictions on ownership and transfer of shares of stock, the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or series. Therefore, our board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of common or preferred stock with terms and conditions that could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control or other transaction that might involve a premium price for our shares of common stock or otherwise be in the best interest of our stockholders. No shares of preferred stock are presently outstanding, and we have no present plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

Power to Increase or Decrease Authorized Shares of Common Stock and Issue Additional Shares of Common and Preferred Stock

We believe that the power of our board of directors to amend our charter to increase or decrease the number of authorized shares of stock, to issue additional authorized but unissued shares of common or preferred stock and to classify or reclass