

Abate Christopher J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Abate Christopher J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1 BELVEDERE PLACE, SUITE 300
 (Street)

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/13/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units (1)	\$ 15.19 (2)	12/13/2017	A		49,374		(3)	(4)	Common Stock	49,374
Performance Stock Units (5)	\$ 11.17 (6)	12/13/2017	A		67,144 (7)		(8)	(9)	Common Stock	67,144

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Abate Christopher J 1 BELVEDERE PLACE SUITE 300 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941	X		President	

Signatures

/s/ Attorney-In-Fact: Andrew P. Stone 12/14/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person 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).
- (1) This transaction relates to the grant of Deferred Stock Units.
- (2) Represents grant date fair value of the DSUs issued, based on the fair market value of RWT common stock on the transaction date under the 2014 Incentive Award Plan.
- (3) 25% vests 1/31/2019, 6.25% every quarter thereafter (beginning with the quarter end 3/31/2019). Fully vested 12/12/2021.
- (4) No expiration date is applicable to deferred stock units.

This transaction relates to the grant of Performance Stock Units ("PSUs"), which are performance-based equity awards. The number of underlying shares of common stock of Redwood Trust, Inc. ("Common Stock") that vest and that the recipient becomes entitled to receive at the time of vesting will generally range from 0% to 200% of a target number of PSUs granted, contingent on the achievement of a pre-established performance metric (with the target number of PSUs granted being adjusted to reflect the value of any dividends on Common Stock declared during the vesting period). Vesting of these PSUs will generally occur at the end of three years (on December 12, 2020) based on three-year total stockholder return. Please refer to Item 5.02(e) of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 14, 2017 by Redwood Trust, Inc. for a description of the terms of these PSUs, which Item 5.02(e) qualifies, in its entirety, the description set forth in this footnote (5) and footnote (7) below.
- (5)
- (6) Represents grant date fair value of the PSUs issued.
- (7) Represents the target number of PSUs granted.

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(8) Vested shares, if any, will be delivered to the Participant no later than December 31, 2020.

(9) No expiration date is applicable to performance stock units.

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