QTS Realty Trust, Inc. Form 4 March 12, 2015

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BARTER JOHN W**

(Middle)

(First)

C/O QTS REALTY TRUST, INC., 12851 FOSTER STREET, **SUITE 205**

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66213

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

QTS Realty Trust, Inc. [QTS]

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

03/03/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of Underlying

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

> (I) (Instr. 4)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Applicable Line)

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Owned

Beneficially

Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

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| | ecurity (nstr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | /Year) | Securities (Instr. 3 and | 14) |
|--------------|---|---|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | Code V | (A) (I | D) Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| S 0 (1 | Employee stock option right to ouy) | \$ 36.54 | 03/03/2015 | | A | 20,496 | <u>(1)</u> | 03/03/2025 | Class A common stock | 20,496 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| BARTER JOHN W C/O QTS REALTY TRUST, INC. 12851 FOSTER STREET, SUITE 205 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66213 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Timothy J. Kuester, attorney-in-fact 03/12/2015

**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) The options to purchase shares of Class A common stock were granted under the QTS Realty Trust, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan and vest one year after the date of grant.

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