

STARWOOD PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

Form 8-K

August 14, 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): **August 14, 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 8.01 Other Events.

On August 14, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing that it had commenced a private offering of \$300 million aggregate principal amount of its unsecured senior notes due 2023 (the Notes). A copy of such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The Company intends to use all or substantially all of the net proceeds received from the offering to repay a portion of the amount outstanding under its existing repurchase agreements and to use any remaining net proceeds for other general corporate purposes, which may include the repayment of indebtedness under the Company's warehouse facilities and other indebtedness, the origination and purchase of additional commercial mortgage loans and other target assets and investments, the payment of a portion of the purchase price for the Company's pending acquisition of the energy project finance origination, underwriting and capital markets business of GE Capital Global Holdings, LLC, the payment of other liabilities and other working capital needs. Amounts that the Company may repay under its revolving repurchase or credit facilities may be re-borrowed, subject to customary conditions.

The Notes will be offered only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and non-U.S. persons pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Notes will not initially be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent an effective registration statement or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act or any state securities laws.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including exhibit hereto, is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to purchase any of the Notes or any other securities.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | <u>Press Release dated August 14, 2018 issued by Starwood Property Trust, Inc.</u> |

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: August 14, 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 |