

Abate Christopher J
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FORM 4

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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)
 12/20/2017

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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 7,712 | A | \$ 14.76 |
| | | | | | | | 39,156 |

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)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 18.86 ⁽³⁾ | 12/20/2017 | | F ⁽⁴⁾ | 9,520 | ⁽⁵⁾ / ⁽⁶⁾ | Common Stock | 9,520 \$ 0 |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 18.86 ⁽³⁾ | 12/20/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 7,712 | ⁽⁵⁾ / ⁽⁶⁾ | Common Stock | 7,712 \$ 0 |

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
12/21/2017

__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 distribution and/or conversion of Deferred Stock Units to common stock under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
Represents the value (per stock unit or share of common stock) of the distribution and/or conversion of Deferred Stock Units, including to common stock under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, based on the fair market value of Redwood Trust, Inc. common stock on the transaction date.
- (3) Represents fair value of Deferred Stock Units, based on the original grant date fair market value.
- (4) This disposition transaction represents a Compensation Committee approved withholding of securities incident to the payment of tax liability relating to the distribution and/or conversion of Deferred Stock Units in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) Deferred Stock Units were subject to a mandatory holding period and are being delivered to the Participant at the time provided in the Deferral Election Form, according to the terms and conditions of the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

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(6) No expiration date is applicable to deferred stock units.

(7) Following these reported transactions, no other Deferred Stock Units with the same original grant date are beneficially owned.

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