

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-8**

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**REDWOOD TRUST, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**68-0329422**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**One Belvedere Place, Suite 300  
Mill Valley, CA 94941**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**Redwood Trust, Inc. Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan**  
(Full title of the plan)

**Christopher J. Abate  
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Redwood Trust, Inc.  
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company  
 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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

By registration statements on Form S-8 (File Nos. 333-197990 and 333-229985) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), Redwood Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), previously registered an aggregate of 300,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), reserved for issuance from time to time in connection with the Redwood Trust, Inc. Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (as amended, the "Plan"). Under this registration statement, the Company is registering an additional 200,000 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance from time to time in connection with the Plan.

Pursuant to General Instruction E. of Form S-8, the content of the above-referenced prior registration statement is incorporated into this registration statement by reference to the extent not modified or superseded hereby or by any subsequently filed document which is incorporated by reference herein or therein.

**PART II**

**Information Required in the Registration Statement**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The Commission allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this registration statement, and information that we file later with the Commission will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents we have filed, or may file, with the Commission:

- (1) [Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed on February 25, 2022;](#)

- (2) Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2022, June 30, 2022 and September 30, 2022, filed on [May 6, 2022](#), [August 5, 2022](#) and [November 7, 2022](#), respectively;
- (3) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on [January 27, 2022](#), [March 7, 2022](#), [May 27, 2022](#), [June 6, 2022](#), [June 7, 2022](#), [June 9, 2022](#) (solely with respect to Items 1.01, 2.03, 3.02, 8.01 and 9.01) and [June 21, 2022](#);
- (4) [Our Definitive Proxy Statement with respect to the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, filed on March 30, 2022 \(solely to the extent specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K\)](#);
- (5) The description of our common stock contained in [Exhibit 4.1 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2021](#), including any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating such description; and
- (6) All documents we file pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or that deregisters all securities covered hereby then remaining unsold, are deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and are a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any information that we later file with the Commission will automatically update and supersede the information and statements contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein. Any such information or statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute part of this registration statement. Under no circumstances will any information “furnished” to the Commission pursuant to applicable rules and regulations be deemed incorporated herein by reference unless such information expressly provides to the contrary.

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## Item 8. Exhibits.

- [4.1 Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Registrant, effective July 6, 1994 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, Exhibit 3.1, filed on August 6, 2008\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.1 Articles Supplementary of the Registrant, effective August 11, 1994 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, Exhibit 3.1.1, filed on August 6, 2008\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.2 Articles Supplementary of the Registrant, effective August 14, 1995 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, Exhibit 3.1.2, filed on August 6, 2008\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.3 Articles Supplementary of the Registrant, effective August 9, 1996 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, Exhibit 3.1.3, filed on August 6, 2008\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.4 Certificate of Amendment of the Registrant, effective June 30, 1998 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, Exhibit 3.1.4, filed on August 6, 2008\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.5 Articles Supplementary of the Registrant, effective April 10, 2003 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, Exhibit 3.1.5, filed on August 6, 2008\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.6 Articles of Amendment of the Registrant, effective June 12, 2008 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008, Exhibit 3.1.6, filed on August 6, 2008\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.7 Articles of Amendment effective May 19, 2009 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, Exhibit 3.1, filed on May 21, 2009\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.8 Articles of Amendment effective May 24, 2011 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, Exhibit 3.1, filed on May 20, 2011\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.9 Articles of Amendment effective May 18, 2012 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, Exhibit 3.1, filed on May 21, 2012\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.10 Articles of Amendment effective May 16, 2013 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, Exhibit 3.1, filed on May 21, 2013\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.11 Articles of Amendment effective May 15, 2019 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, Exhibit 3.1, filed on May 17, 2019\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.1.12 Articles of Amendment effective June 15, 2020 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, Exhibit 3.1, filed on June 15, 2020\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.2.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws, as adopted on November 2, 2022 \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2022, Exhibit 3.2.1, filed on November 7, 2022\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
- [4.3 Form of Common Stock Certificate \(incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-11 \(No. 333-08363\), Exhibit 4.3, filed on August 6, 1996\) \(File No. 333-08363\)](#)

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- [4.4 Redwood Trust, Inc. Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan \(Incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, Exhibit 10.1, filed on January 14, 2009\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)
  - [4.5 First Amendment to Redwood Trust, Inc. Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan \(Incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, Exhibit 10.15, filed on February 26, 2014\) \(File No. 001-13759\)](#)

- [4.6](#) [Second Amendment to Redwood Trust, Inc. Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan \(Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, Exhibit 10.1, filed on November 8, 2018\)](#)
- [4.7](#) [Third Amendment to Redwood Trust, Inc. Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan \(Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2022, Exhibit 10.1, filed on November 7, 2022\)](#)
- [5.1](#) [Opinion of Venable LLP](#)
- [23.1](#) [Consent of Grant Thornton LLP](#)
- [23.2](#) [Consent of Venable LLP \(included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto\)](#)
- [24.1](#) [Power of Attorney \(included on the signature page to this registration statement\)](#)
- [107](#) [Calculation of Filing Fee Table](#)

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Mill Valley, State of California, on November 7, 2022.

### REDWOOD TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Christopher J. Abate  
 Name: Christopher J. Abate  
 Title: Chief Executive Officer

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENT, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Christopher J. Abate and Andrew P. Stone and each or either of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments or any abbreviated registration statement and any amendments thereto filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) increasing the number of securities for which registration is sought) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his or her substitutes or substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

<u>/s/ Christopher J. Abate</u> Christopher J. Abate	Director and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	November 7, 2022
<u>/s/ Brooke E. Carillo</u> Brooke E. Carillo	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	November 7, 2022
<u>/s/ Collin L. Cochrane</u> Collin L. Cochrane	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	November 7, 2022
<u>/s/ Greg H. Kubicek</u> Greg H. Kubicek	Director, Chair of the Board	November 7, 2022
<u>/s/ Armando Falcon</u> Armando Falcon	Director	November 7, 2022
<u>/s/ Douglas B. Hansen</u> Douglas B. Hansen	Director	November 7, 2022
<u>/s/ Debora D. Horvath</u> Debora D. Horvath	Director	November 7, 2022
<u>/s/ George W. Madison</u> George W. Madison	Director	November 7, 2022
<u>/s/ Georganne C. Proctor</u> Georganne C. Proctor	Director	November 7, 2022
<u>/s/ Dashiell I. Robinson</u> Dashiell I. Robinson	Director and President	November 7, 2022
<u>/s/ Faith A. Schwartz</u> Faith A. Schwartz	Director	November 7, 2022



November 7, 2022

Redwood Trust, Inc.  
One Belvedere Place, Suite 300  
Mill Valley, California 94941

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Maryland counsel to Redwood Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law arising out of the registration of up to 200,000 (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), that the Company may issue pursuant to the Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (as amended, the "Plan"), covered by the above-referenced Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), on or about the date hereof.

In connection with our representation of the Company, and as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Documents"):

1. The Registration Statement;
2. The charter of the Company (the "Charter"), certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT");
3. The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, as amended, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
4. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;
5. The Plan;
6. Resolutions (the "Resolutions") adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), relating to the approval of the Plan and the authorization of the issuance of the Shares, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
7. A certificate executed by an officer of the Company, dated as of the date hereof; and

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8. Such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinion set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein.

In expressing the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the following:

1. Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or another person, is legally competent to do so.
2. Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Company) is duly authorized to do so.
3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.
4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.
5. The Shares will not be issued or transferred in violation of the restrictions on transfer and ownership of shares of stock of the Company set forth in Article XI of the Charter.
6. Upon the issuance of any of the Shares, the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Charter.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that:

1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.

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2. The issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to the Resolutions and the Plan and otherwise in accordance with the Registration Statement, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Maryland and we do not express any opinion herein concerning any other law. We express no opinion as to the applicability or effect of federal or state securities laws, including the securities laws of the State of Maryland, or as to federal or state laws regarding fraudulent transfers. To the extent that any matter as to which our opinion is expressed herein would be governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland, we do not express any opinion on such matter.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable law changes after the date hereof or if we become aware of any fact that might change the opinion expressed herein after the date hereof.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of the name of our firm therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the 1933 Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Venable LLP

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We have issued our reports dated February 25, 2022 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting of Redwood Trust, Inc. included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, which are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement. We consent to the incorporation by reference of the aforementioned reports in this Registration Statement.

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Newport Beach, California  
November 7, 2022

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## CALCULATION OF FILING FEE TABLE

**Form S-8**  
(Form Type)

**Redwood Trust, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered Securities

Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation Rule	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee
Equity	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h)	200,000	\$ 6.68	\$ 1,336,000	\$110.20 per \$1,000,000	\$ 147.23
	Total Offering Amounts						\$ 147.23
	Total Fee Offsets						–
	Net Fee Due						\$ 147.23

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 (“Common Stock”), of Redwood Trust, Inc. (the “Registrant”) that become issuable under the Registrant’s Amended and Restated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (the “Plan”) by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (2) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. The maximum price per share and maximum aggregate offering price are based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock as reported on the Nasdaq Global Market on November 3, 2022, which date is within five business days prior to filing this Registration Statement.