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Redwood Trust Announces the Closing of Its Common Stock Offering

MILL VALLEY, Calif., Jan. 27 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Redwood Trust, Inc. (NYSE: RWT) today announced today that it closed its common stock offering of 23 million shares at \$11.25 per share. In addition, the underwriters of the offering exercised their over-allotment option to purchase an additional 3.45 million shares of common stock and the offering of those additional shares also closed today. Redwood expects net proceeds from the offering, including the exercise of the over-allotment option, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, to be approximately \$282.7 million.

The sole bookrunning manager for the offering is J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

The public offering was made by means of a prospectus. Redwood Trust has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter, or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the relevant prospectus if you request it by contacting J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Chase Distribution & Support Service, Attn: Charles Buckheit/Bob Foley, 4 Chase Metrotech Center, CS Level, Brooklyn, NY 11245 or by calling 1-866-430-0686.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT: This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 including statements related to the closing date of the offering and the use of the net proceeds. Forward-looking statements involve numerous risks and uncertainties. Redwood's actual results may differ from our expectations, estimates, and projections and, consequently, you should not rely on these forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Forward-looking statements are not historical in nature and can be identified by words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "will," "should," "expect," "believe," "intend," "seek," "plan," and similar expressions or their negative forms, or by references to strategy, plans, or intentions. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, among other things, those described in Redwood's Prospectus Supplement dated January 21, 2009, the accompanying Prospectus dated November 23, 2007, and the documents incorporated in the Prospectus Supplement and the Prospectus by reference. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a

result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Important factors, among others, that may affect our actual results include: changes in interest rates; changes in mortgage prepayment rates; the timing of credit losses within our portfolio; our exposure to adjustable-rate and negative amortization mortgage loans; the state of the credit markets and other general economic conditions, particularly as they affect the price of earning assets and the credit status of borrowers; the concentration of the credit risks we are exposed to; the ability of counterparties to satisfy their obligations to us; legislative and regulatory actions affecting the mortgage industry; the availability of high quality assets for purchase at attractive prices; declines in home prices and commercial real estate prices; increases in mortgage payment delinquencies; changes in the level of liquidity in the capital markets which may adversely affect our ability to finance our real estate asset portfolio; changes in liquidity in the market for real estate securities, the re-pricing of credit risk in the capital markets, inaccurate ratings of securities by rating agencies, rating agency downgrades of securities, and increases in the supply of real estate securities available-for-sale, each of which may adversely affect the values of securities we own; the extent of changes in the values of securities we own and the impact of adjustments reflecting those changes on our income statement and balance sheet, including our stockholders' equity; our ability to maintain the positive stockholders' equity necessary to enable us to pay the dividends required to maintain our status as a real estate investment trust for tax purposes; changes in our investment, financing, and hedging strategies and the new risks that those changes may expose us to; changes in the competitive landscape within our industry and for the personnel we need to retain or attract; our failure to manage various operational risks associated with our business; our failure to maintain appropriate internal controls over financial reporting; our failure to properly administer and manage our securitization entities; risks we may be exposed to if we expand our business activities, such as risks relating to significantly increasing our direct holdings of loans; limitations imposed on our business due to our REIT status and our status as exempt from the Investment Company Act of 1940; our ability to raise additional capital to fund our investing activity; and other factors not presently identified.

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