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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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affirmative defense 10b5-1(c). See Inst							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STILWELL JOSEPH			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. [ WHLR]		onship of Reporting Person(s) all applicable)  Director X	erson(s)	to Issuer  10% Owner Other (specify
(Last) 200 CALLE DEL	st) (First) (Middle)  0 CALLE DEL SANTO CRISTO		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2024		Officer (give title below)		below)
(Street) SAN JUAN (City)	PR (State)	00901 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi	idual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One R Form filed by More t	eporting	Person

## 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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock								15,179,309	I	See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								2,331,886	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								3,359,992	I	See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>

# 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. Transac Code (Ir 8)		5. Number Derivative Securities Acquired ( Disposed ( (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	A) or	6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Yo	te	nnd 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		
7.00% Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2031	\$0.21 <sup>(4)</sup>							08/19/2021 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/31/2031	Common Stock	85,015,450 <sup>(4)(5)</sup>		\$18,249,925	I	See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>
7.00% Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2031	\$0.21 <sup>(4)</sup>							08/19/2021 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/31/2031	Common Stock	12,228,067(4)(5)		\$2,624,950	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
7.00% Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2031	\$0.21 <sup>(4)</sup>							08/19/2021 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/31/2031	Common Stock	19,215,900(4)(5)		\$4,125,000	I	See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>
7.00% Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2031	\$0.21 <sup>(4)</sup>							(4)	12/31/2031	Common Stock	516,965 <sup>(4)(5)</sup>		\$110,975	I	See footnote <sup>(7)</sup>
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	\$400							(8)	(8)	Common Stock	37,279		596,473 <sup>(9)(10)</sup>	I	See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	\$400							(8)	(8)	Common Stock	5,362		85,792 <sup>(9)(10)</sup>	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	\$400							(8)	(8)	Common Stock	8,426		134,820 <sup>(9)(10)</sup>	I	See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>

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			Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Series D Convertible Preferred Stock	\$169.6	01/02/2024	J		84,470 <sup>(11)</sup>		(12)	(12)	Common Stock	12,450	(13)	84,470	I	See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>
Series D Convertible Preferred Stock	\$169.6	01/02/2024	J		12,149 <sup>(11)</sup>		(12)	(12)	Common Stock	1,790	(13)	12,149	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Series D Convertible Preferred Stock	\$169.6	01/02/2024	J		19,092 <sup>(11)</sup>		(12)	(12)	Common Stock	2,814	(13)	19,092	I	See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>
Series D Convertible Preferred Stock	\$169.6	01/02/2024	J		513 <sup>(11)</sup>		(12)	(12)	Common Stock	75	(13)	513	I	See footnote <sup>(7)</sup>

Convertible Preferred Stock	\$169.6	01/02/2024		J		19			
Series D Convertible Preferred Stock	\$169.6	01/02/2024		J		:			
		eporting Person*							
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1. Name and Address Stilwell Value	of Reporting Person*  Partners VII, L.	<u>P.</u>
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(Street)		
NEW YORK	NY	10006
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1. Name and Address	of Reporting Person *	
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111 BROADWAY	7 12TH FLOOR	
(Street)		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These securities are owned directly by Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P. ("SAI") and indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Stilwell Value LLC ("Value"), which is the general partner of SAI. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 2. These securities are owned directly by Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P. ("SAF") and indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Value, which is the general partner of SAF. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. These securities are owned directly by Stilwell Value Partners VII, L.P. ("SVP VII") and indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Value, which is the general partner of SVP VII. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 4. The Issuer's 7.00% Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2031 (the "Notes") are convertible, in whole or in part, at any time, at the option of the holders thereof, into shares of the Issuer's common stock at a conversion price of \$0.21 per share (116.46 common shares for each \$25.00 of principal amount of the Notes being converted).
- 5. Interest on the Notes may be payable, at the Issuer's Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock ("Series B Preferred Stock"), in each case as set forth in the Notes. Series B Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock are both convertible into shares of the Issuer's common stock at the option of the holder thereof at any time. The Notes bear interest at the rate of 7% per annum. The number of shares of the Issuer's common stock indicated in the Table is based on the outstanding principal amount of the Notes held by the Reporting Person.
- 6. The Notes were delivered through the clearing system of the Depository Trust Company and such delivery was completed on August 19, 2021.
- 7. These securities are owned directly by Stilwell Associates, L.P. ("SA") and indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Value, which is the general partner of SA. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 8. As disclosed in the Issuer's Form 8-K that announced the effectiveness of the Company's one-for-ten reverse stock split, and filed with the SEC on August 17, 2023, each share of Series B Preferred Stock is convertible into 0.0625 shares of the Issuer's common stock. Series B Preferred Stock has no expiration date.
- 9. In accordance with the terms of the Indenture among the Issuer and Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee, governing the terms of the Notes (the "Indenture"), the number of shares of Series B Preferred Stock paid as interest on the Notes on June 30, 2022 was determined based on a per share value equal to \$2.6673845, calculated as the product of (x) the average of the per share volume-weighted average prices for Series B Preferred Stock for the 15 consecutive trading days ending on the third business day immediately preceding the interest payment date, and (y) 0.55.
- 10. In accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the number of shares of Series B Preferred Stock paid as interest on the Notes on January 3, 2023 was determined based on a per share value equal to \$1.070872, calculated as the product of (x) the average of the per share volume-weighted average prices for Series B Preferred Stock for the 15 consecutive trading days ending on the third business day immediately preceding the interest payment date, and (y) 0.55.
- 11. As disclosed in the Issuer's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 20, 2023, the Issuer determined that interest on the Notes payable on December 31, 2023, would be paid in the form of Series D Preferred Stock. On January 2, 2024, the Issuer issued shares of Series D Preferred Stock to (i) SAI as payment of interest with respect to the Notes held by SAI, in accordance with the terms thereof and of the Indenture, (ii) SAF as payment of interest with respect to the Notes held by SAF, in accordance with the terms thereof and the Indenture, and (iv) SA as payment of interest with respect to the Notes held by SVP VII, in accordance with the terms thereof and of the Indenture, and (iv) SA as payment of interest with respect to the Notes held by SA, in accordance with the terms thereof and of the Indenture,
- 12. As disclosed in the Issuer's Form 8-K that announced the effectiveness of the Company's one-for-ten reverse stock split, and filed with the SEC on August 17, 2023, each share of Series D Preferred Stock is convertible into 0.1474 shares of the Issuer's common stock. The Series D Preferred Stock has no expiration date.
- 13. In accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the number of shares of Series D Preferred Stock paid as interest on the Notes on January 2, 2024, was determined based on a per share value equal to \$7.561743, calculated as the product of (x) the average of the per share volume-weighted average prices for the Series D Preferred Stock for the 15 consecutive trading days ending on the third business day immediately preceding the interest payment date, and (y) 0.55.

/s/ Joseph Stilwell	01/04/2024
/s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Value LLC	01/04/2024
/s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P.	01/04/2024
/s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P.	01/04/2024
/s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Value Partners VII, L.P.	01/04/2024
/s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Associates, L.P.	01/04/2024
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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