

BLACKSTONE MORTGAGE TRUST, INC.  
Form SC 13D/A  
April 21, 2015

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

**SCHEDULE 13D**  
**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**(Amendment No. 8)\***

**Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc.**  
**(Name of Issuer)**

**Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share**  
**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**09257W100**

**(CUSIP Number)**

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**(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)**

**April 17, 2015**

**(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)**

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. "

**Note:** Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See §240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 09257W100

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

BLACKSTONE TREASURY HOLDINGS III L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a)  (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

..

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 3,444,390

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

0

REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH 3,444,390

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,444,390

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

PN

CUSIP No. 09257W100

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS III L.P.

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Quebec, Canada

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 3,444,390

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

0

REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS III GP L.P.

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(a)  (b)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 3,444,390

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

0

REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH 3,444,390

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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4.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

PN

CUSIP No. 09257W100

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS III GP MANAGEMENT L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a)  (b)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 3,444,390

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

0

REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH 3,444,390

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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CUSIP No. 09257W100

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a)  (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 4,367,663

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

0

REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH 4,367,663

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,367,663

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

PN

CUSIP No. 09257W100

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

BLACKSTONE GROUP MANAGEMENT L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a)  (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 4,367,663

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

0

REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH 4,367,663

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,367,663

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

OO

CUSIP No. 09257W100

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

STEPHEN A. SCHWARZMAN

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a)  (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 4,412,115

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

0

REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH 4,412,115

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,412,115

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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This Amendment No. 8 ( Amendment No. 8 ) to Schedule 13D relates to the class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ( Common Stock ), of Blackstone Mortgage Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the Issuer ), and amends and supplements the initial statement on Schedule 13D filed on December 21, 2012, as amended and supplemented by Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D filed on March 27, 2013, Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D filed on May 8, 2013, Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D filed on May 20, 2013, Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D filed on May 31, 2013, Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D filed on October 11, 2013, Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13D filed on January 10, 2014 and Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 13D filed on April 16, 2015 (collectively, the Schedule 13D ).

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment No. 8 shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D.

**Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.**

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby supplemented as follows:

A total of \$37.5 million was paid to acquire the shares reported as beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons as a result of the 2015 Offering (as discussed below). The payment of the purchase price was funded by cash on hand by Blackstone Treasury Holdings III and an account indirectly managed by Blackstone.

**Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.**

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby supplemented as follows:

On April 17, 2015, the Issuer sold an aggregate of 23,000,000 shares of Common Stock (including 3,000,000 shares sold to the underwriters upon full exercise of the underwriters over-allotment option) (the 2015 Offering ) to a syndicate of underwriters in a firm commitment underwritten offering. Blackstone Treasury Holdings III and Blackstone (on behalf of a managed account) purchased an aggregate of 1,229,508 shares of Common Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$37.5 million in the Offering at the public offering price of \$30.50 per share.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.**

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) (b) As of the date hereof, Blackstone Treasury Holdings III directly holds 3,444,390 shares of Common Stock, the Manager directly holds 677,372 shares of Common Stock, Mr. Schwarzman directly holds 44,452 shares of Common Stock, and Blackstone may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own an additional 245,902 shares of Common Stock held in a separately managed account over which it may be deemed to have indirect voting and dispositive power.

Blackstone Holdings III is the sole member of Blackstone Treasury Holdings III. Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P. is the general partner of Blackstone Holdings III. Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C. is the general partner of Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P. Blackstone is the managing member of Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C.

Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. is the general partner of The Blackstone Group L.P. Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. is wholly owned by its senior managing directors and controlled by its founder, Stephen A. Schwarzman. The Manager is an indirect subsidiary of Blackstone.

The aggregate number and percentage of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each Reporting Person and, for each Reporting Person, the number of shares as to which there is sole power to vote or to direct the vote, shared power to vote or to direct the vote, sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition, or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition are set forth on rows 7 through 11 and row 13 of the cover pages of this Schedule 13D and are incorporated herein by reference.

The percentage of shares of Common Stock is calculated based on 81,451,077 shares of Common Stock outstanding, after giving effect to the 2015 Offering, as reported in the final prospectus supplement dated April 13, 2015 of the Issuer, filed on April 14, 2015.

Each of the Blackstone Entities and Mr. Schwarzman may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Blackstone Treasury Holdings III and each of Blackstone, Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. and Mr. Schwarzman may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Manager and Blackstone.

Neither the filing of this Schedule 13D nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission that any of the Reporting Persons (other than Blackstone Treasury Holdings III and Mr. Schwarzman, to the extent they directly hold shares of Common Stock reported on this Schedule 13D) is the beneficial owner of the Common Stock referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed.

(c) In the 2015 Offering, Blackstone Treasury Holdings III acquired 983,606 shares of Common Stock, and Blackstone (on behalf of a managed account) acquired 245,902 shares of Common Stock. There have been no other transactions effected by the Reporting during the past sixty days.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 21, 2015

**BLACKSTONE TREASURY HOLDINGS III L.L.C.**

By: Blackstone Holdings III L.P., its sole member  
By: Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P., its general partner  
By: Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C., its general partner

By: /s/ John G. Finley  
Name: John G. Finley  
Title: Chief Legal Officer

**BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS III L.P.**

By: Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P., its general partner  
By: Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C., its general partner

By: /s/ John G. Finley  
Name: John G. Finley  
Title: Chief Legal Officer

**BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS III GP L.P.**

By: Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C., its general partner

By: /s/ John G. Finley  
Name: John G. Finley  
Title: Chief Legal Officer

**BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS III GP MANAGEMENT L.L.C.**

By: /s/ John G. Finley  
Name: John G. Finley  
Title: Chief Legal Officer

THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.

By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., its general partner

By: /s/ John G. Finley  
Name: John G. Finley  
Title: Chief Legal Officer

BLACKSTONE GROUP MANAGEMENT L.L.C.

By: /s/ John G. Finley  
Name: John G. Finley  
Title: Chief Legal Officer

/s/ STEPHEN A. SCHWARZMAN  
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