

American Assets Trust, Inc.
Form 8-K
March 05, 2018

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):
March 2, 2018

American Assets Trust, Inc.
American Assets Trust, L.P.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Maryland (American Assets Trust, Inc.) | 001-35030 (American Assets Trust, Inc.) | 27-3338708 (American Assets Trust, Inc.) |
| Maryland (American Assets Trust, L.P.) | 333-202342-01 (American Assets Trust, L.P.) | 27-3338894 (American Assets Trust, L.P.) |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
- Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).
- 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

13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Item 8.01 Other Events.

In connection with its “continuous equity offering” under which American Assets Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) may sell up to an aggregate of \$250 million of its common stock (the “Shares”) from time to time in “at the market” offerings (the “Offering”), on March 2, 2018, the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) a prospectus supplement (the “Prospectus Supplement”). The Company may sell the Shares in amounts and at times to be determined by the Company from time to time but has no obligation to sell any of the Shares in the Offering. Actual sales will depend on a variety of factors to be determined by the Company from time to time, including (among others) market conditions, the trading price of the Company’s common stock, capital needs and determinations by the Company of the appropriate sources of funding for the Company.

The Offering is being conducted pursuant to certain amended and restated equity distribution agreements, which the Company entered into with each of RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and an equity distribution agreement which the Company entered into with Mizuho Securities USA LLC as agents for the offer and sale of the Shares (each individually, a “Placement Agent”, and together, the “Placement Agents”), each on March 2, 2018 (collectively, the “Agreements”). The Company terminated its equity distribution agreement, dated May 27, 2015, with KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. The Offering will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the sale of an aggregate of \$250 million of Shares pursuant to the Offering or (2) the termination of all of the Agreements. The Agreements may be terminated by the Placement Agents or the Company at any time upon prior written notice, and by the Placement Agents at any time in certain circumstances, including the Company’s failure to maintain a listing of its common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) or the occurrence of a material adverse change in the Company. Collectively, the Agreements provide that the Company may offer and sell from time to time up to an aggregate of \$250 million of the Shares pursuant to the Agreements through the Placement Agents. As of the date of the Prospectus Supplement, the Company had offered and sold Shares having an aggregate sales price of \$73,811,339 in the Offering pursuant to a previous prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. Accordingly, as of the date of the Prospectus Supplement, Shares having an aggregate sales price of up to \$176,188,661 remain available for offer and sale from time to time through the Placement Agents pursuant to the Agreements. The Agreements provide that a Placement Agent will be entitled to compensation that will not exceed, but may be lower than, 2.0% of the gross proceeds from the sale of any of the Shares sold under the Agreement to which such Placement Agent is a party.

Sales of the Shares, if any, under the Agreements may be made in transactions that are deemed to be “at the market offerings” as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made directly on the NYSE or sales made to or through a market maker or through an electronic communications network. The Company or any of the Placement Agents may at any time suspend the offering or terminate the Agreements pursuant to the terms of the Agreements.

The Shares will be issued pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement and the Company’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-222876) filed on February 5, 2018 with the SEC. This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any security nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

The Agreements are filed as Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5 to this Current Report. The description of the Agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreements filed as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

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The following exhibits are filed herewith:

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Description |
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| 1.1 | <u>Amended and Restated Equity Distribution Agreement, dated March 2, 2018, by and among American Assets Trust, Inc., American Assets Trust, L.P., and RBC Capital Markets, LLC</u> |
| 1.2 | <u>Amended and Restated Equity Distribution Agreement, dated March 2, 2018, by and among American Assets Trust, Inc., American Assets Trust, L.P., and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated</u> |
| 1.3 | <u>Amended and Restated Equity Distribution Agreement, dated March 2, 2018, by and among American Assets Trust, Inc., American Assets Trust, L.P., and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC</u> |

- 1.4 Amended and Restated Equity Distribution Agreement, dated March 2, 2018, by and among American Assets Trust, Inc., American Assets Trust, L.P., and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
 - 1.5 Equity Distribution Agreement, dated March 2, 2018, by and among American Assets Trust, Inc., American Assets Trust, L.P., and Mizuho Securities USA LLC
 - 5.1 Opinion of Venable LLP regarding the legality of the shares offered
 - 23.1 Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

American
Assets
Trust,
Inc.

By: /s/
Adam
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Senior
Vice
President,
General
Counsel
and
Secretary

March 2, 2018