

RAMBUS INC  
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Registration No. 333-

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

**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*Under*  
*The Securities Act of 1933*

**RAMBUS INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**94-3112828**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)  
**1050 Enterprise Way, Suite 700**

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**Sunnyvale, California 94089**

**(Address of principal executive office, including zip code)**

**2015 Equity Incentive Plan**

**2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

**(Full title of the plan)**

**Jae Kim, Esq.**

**Senior Vice President and General Counsel**

**Rambus Inc.**

**1050 Enterprise Way, Suite 700**

**Sunnyvale, California 94089**

**(408) 462-8000**

**(Name, address, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)**

*Copy to:*

**Michael E. Coke, Esq.**

**Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati**

**Professional Corporation**

**650 Page Mill Road**

**Palo Alto, California 94304**

**(650) 493-9300**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company and emerging growth company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one).

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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.

### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities to be Registered      | Amount to be Registered (1) | Proposed                         |   |                            |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
|   |                             | Maximum Offering Price Per Share | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount of Registration Fee |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share |                             |                                  |   |                            |
| 2015 Equity Incentive Plan                | 5,500,000                   | \$13.32 (2)                      | \$73,260,000.00                           | \$9,120.87                 |
| 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan         | 2,000,000                   | \$11.32 (3)                      | \$22,640,000.00                           | \$2,818.68                 |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>7,500,000</b>            |                                  | <b>\$95,900,000.00</b>                    | <b>\$11,939.55</b>         |

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of the Registrant's Common Stock (the "Shares") that may become issuable under the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan") and 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP") being registered pursuant to this Registration Statement by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the Registrant's outstanding Common Stock.
- (2) The Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share has been estimated in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933 solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee on the basis of the average of the high and low prices of the Shares as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market on May 23, 2018.
- (3) The Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share has been estimated in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933 solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee on the basis of the average of the high and low prices of the Shares as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market on May 23, 2018, multiplied by 85%, which is the percentage of the trading price applicable to purchases under the ESPP.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 registers additional shares of common stock of Rambus, Inc. (the Company) under the Rambus Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2015 Plan) and the Rambus Inc. 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP) for which a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-203708) was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on April 29, 2015. Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the contents of such earlier registration statement are incorporated by reference into this registration statement, except that the provisions contained in Part II of such earlier registration statements are modified as set forth in this Registration Statement.

## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

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

Rambus Inc. (the Registrant) hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents previously filed with the Commission:

- (a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the Commission on February 23, 2018;
- (b) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Registrant's Annual Report referred to in (a) above; and
- (c) The description of Registrant's Common Stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on April 2, 1997, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

#### **Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

#### **Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

The Registrant's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide for the indemnification of present and former directors, officers, employees and agents of the Registrant and persons serving as directors, employees or agents of another corporation or entity at the request of the Registrant to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. In addition, the Registrant enters into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and executive officers pursuant to which such persons are indemnified for costs and expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such persons in connection with a threatened, pending or completed claim arising out of service as a director, officer, employee, trustee and/or agent of the Registrant or another entity at the request of the Registrant. The Registrant maintains an insurance policy insuring its directors and officers against liability for certain acts and omissions while acting in their official capacities.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

| Exhibit Number | Description  | Incorporated by Reference |           |         | Filing Date |
|----------------|--|---------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
|                |  | Form                      | File No.  | Exhibit |             |
| 4.1            | <u>2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended</u>  | 8-K                       | 000-22339 | 10.1    | 4/27/2018   |
| 4.2            | <u>Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (2015 Equity Incentive Plan)</u>  | 10-Q                      | 000-22339 | 10.3    | 7/23/2015   |
| 4.3            | <u>Form of Stock Option Agreement (2015 Equity Incentive Plan).</u>  | 10-Q                      | 000-22339 | 10.4    | 7/23/2015   |
| 4.4            | <u>2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended</u>   | 8-K                       | 000-22339 | 10.2    | 4/27/2018   |
| 5.1            | <u>Opinion of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich &amp; Rosati, Professional Corporation</u>                                   |                           |           |         |             |
| 23.1           | <u>Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u>                        |                           |           |         |             |
| 23.2           | <u>Consent of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich &amp; Rosati, Professional Corporation (contained in Exhibit 5.1 hereto)</u> |                           |           |         |             |
| 24.1           | <u>Power of Attorney (contained on signature page hereto)</u>  |                           |           |         |             |

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

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Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.



**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 Sunnyvale, State of California, on this 24th day of May 2018.

RAMBUS, INC.

By: /s/ Rahul Mathur  
 Rahul Mathur  
 Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief  
 Financial Officer

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints each of Ronald Black, Rahul Mathur and Jae Kim as such individual's true and lawful agent, proxy and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, for such individual in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement on Form S-8, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent 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 for all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his 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 date indicated:

|                      |  |              |
|----------------------|--|--------------|
| /s/ Ronald Black     | Chief Executive Officer, President and Director            | May 23, 2018 |
| Ronald Black         | (Principal Executive Officer)                              |              |
| /s/ Rahul Mathur     | Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer | May 24, 2018 |
| Rahul Mathur         | (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)               |              |
| /s/ Eric Stang       | Chairman of the Board of Directors                         | May 24, 2018 |
| Eric Stang           |  |              |
| /s/ E. Thomas Fisher | Director   | May 23, 2018 |
| E. Thomas Fisher     |  |              |

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| /s/ Emiko Higashi   | Director | May 23, 2018 |
| Emiko Higashi       |          |              |
| /s/ Charles Kissner | Director | May 23, 2018 |
| Charles Kissner     |          |              |
| /s/ David Shrigley  | Director | May 23, 2018 |
| David Shrigley      |          |              |