

Advaxis, Inc.
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Advaxis, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

02-0563870

(State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

305 College Road East

Princeton, New Jersey 08540

(609) 452-9813

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code and Telephone Number)

Advaxis, Inc. 2015 Incentive Plan

Advaxis, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

(Full Title of the Plan)

**Ms. Sara Bonstein
Chief Financial Officer
Advaxis, Inc.
305 College Road East
Princeton, New Jersey 08540
(609) 452-9813**

(Name, Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code,
of Agent for Service)

***With a copy to:*
Matthew W. Mamak, Esq.
John B. Shannon, Esq.
Alston & Bird LLP
90 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016
(212) 210-9400**

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" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering | Proposed Maximum Aggregate | Amount of Registration Fee |
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| | | Price | Offering |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| | | Per Share | Price |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | 1,520,000 (1) | \$ 7.77 | (2) \$11,810,400(2) \$ 1,368.83 |

Amount to be registered consists of 1,500,000 shares of Advaxis, Inc. (the “Company”) common stock to be issued pursuant to the grant or exercise of awards under the Advaxis, Inc. 2015 Incentive Plan (the “2015 Incentive Plan”) and 20,000 shares of the Company’s common stock to be issued pursuant to the Advaxis, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “2011 ESPP,” and together with the 2015 Incentive Plan, the “Plans”), including additional shares of Company common stock that may become issuable in accordance with the adjustment and anti-dilution provisions of the Plans.

Determined in accordance with Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registration fee calculation is based on the average of the high and low prices of the Company’s common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market on April 6, 2017.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN The Section 10(a) Prospectus

(a) The documents containing the information specified in Part I of this Registration Statement will be sent or given to participants in the Plans as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this registration statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this form, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

(b) Upon written or oral request, Advaxis, Inc. (the “Company”) will provide, without charge, the documents incorporated by reference in Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement. The documents are incorporated by reference in the Section 10(a) prospectus. The Company will also provide, without charge, upon written or oral request, other documents required to be delivered to participants pursuant to Rule 428(b). Requests for the above-mentioned information should be directed to Sara Bonstein, Chief Financial Officer, at the address and telephone number on the cover of this Registration Statement.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) are hereby incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement:

(1) The Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2016;

(2) All other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since October 31, 2016;

(3) The description of common stock contained in the Company's registration statement filed under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including all amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

(4) All other documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicates that all securities offered have been sold or that deregisters all securities that remain unsold.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated herein by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is, or is deemed to be, incorporated herein by reference modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such 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.

Delaware General Corporation Law. The registrant is a Delaware corporation. Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the “DGCL”) enables a corporation to eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of the director’s fiduciary duty, except:

for any breach of the director’s duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders;

for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

pursuant to Section 174 of the DGCL (providing for liability of directors for unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions); or

for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

In accordance with Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, the registrant’s certificate of incorporation includes a provision eliminating, to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, the liability of the registrant’s directors to the registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary as director. If the DGCL is subsequently amended to further eliminate or limit the liability of a director, then a director of the registrant, in addition to the circumstances in which a director is not personally liable as set forth in provision described in the preceding sentence, will not be liable to the fullest extent permitted by the amended DGCL.

Subsection (a) of Section 145 of the DGCL provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or

other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Section 145 of the DGCL further provides that a corporation similarly may indemnify any such person serving in any such capacity who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or such other court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. The registrant's amended and restated certificate of incorporation contains provisions which provide that the registrant will indemnify the registrant's directors and officers in each and every situation where, under Section 145 of the DGCL, as amended from time to time, the registrant is permitted or empowered to make such indemnification, and to the fullest extent permitted by law. The registrant may, in the sole discretion of its Board of Directors, indemnify any other person who may be indemnified pursuant to Section 145 of the DGCL to the extent the Board of Directors deems advisable, as permitted by Section 145 of the DGCL.

The registrant's bylaws contain provisions which provide, among other things, that the registrant shall indemnify any officer or director who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed (i) action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the registrant) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the registrant, or is or was serving at the request of the registrant as a director, officer, employee or agent of another registrant, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the registrant, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful and (ii) action or suit by or in the right of the registrant to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the registrant, or is or was serving at the request of the registrant as a director, officer, employee or agent of another registrant, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the registrant; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matters as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the registrant unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper. Any indemnification under the provisions in the bylaws (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the registrant only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth above. Such determination shall be made (i) by a majority vote of the directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding even though less than a quorum, or (ii) if there are no such directors, or, if such directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (iii) by the stockholders. To the extent, however, that a director, officer, employee or agent of the registrant has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding described above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith, without the necessity of authorization in the specific case.

The DGCL provides that the indemnification described above shall not be deemed exclusive of any other indemnification that may be granted by a corporation pursuant to its by-laws, disinterested directors' vote, stockholders' vote, agreement or otherwise.

Indemnification Agreements. In addition to the indemnification provided for in the registrant's amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws, the registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and officers to provide the directors and officers with contractual rights to indemnification and advance payment of expenses to the fullest extent permitted by the law and to further establish procedures for such indemnification.

Insurance Policies. The DGCL also provides corporations with the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation in a similar capacity for another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability as described above. The registrant has directors and officer's liability insurance in an amount not less than \$5 million.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers, or persons controlling the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in such Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See Exhibit Index, which is incorporated here by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Company 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 of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this 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 this Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3, Form S-8, or Form F-3 and 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 Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 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 Company hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in this 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 Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company 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 Company 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 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(signatures on following page)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company 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 Princeton, State of New Jersey, on April 7, 2017.

Advaxis, Inc.

By: */s/ Daniel J. O'Connor*
Daniel J. O'Connor
Chief Executive Officer and President

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Daniel J. O'Connor and Sara Bonstein, and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of the, or their or his substitutes, 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 dates indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
|---|---|---------------|
| <i>/s/ Daniel J. O'Connor</i> Daniel J. O'Connor | Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer) and Director | April 7, 2017 |
| <i>/s/ Sara Bonstein</i> Sara Bonstein | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | April 7, 2017 |

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/s/ Dr. David Sidransky
Dr. David Sidransky Chairman of the Board of Directors April 7, 2017

/s/ Dr. James P. Patton
Dr. James P. Patton Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors April 7, 2017

/s/ Roni A. Appel
Roni A. Appel Director April 7, 2017

/s/ Richard J. Berman
Richard J. Berman Director April 7, 2017

/s/ Dr. Samir N. Khleif
Dr. Samir N. Khleif Director April 7, 2017

/s/ Dr. Thomas McKearn
Dr. Thomas McKearn Director April 7, 2017

/s/ Thomas J. Ridge
Thomas J. Ridge Director April 7, 2017

EXHIBIT INDEX

TO

REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8

Exhibit Number Description

- 4.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. Incorporated by reference to Annex C to DEF 14A Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on May 15, 2006.
- 4.2 Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on August 16, 2012. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 17, 2012.
- 4.3 Certificate of Amendment of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on July 11, 2013 (reverse stock split). Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 15, 2013.
- 4.4 Certificate of Amendment of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on July 12, 2013 (reverse stock split). Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 15, 2013.
- 4.5 Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation filed with the Delaware Secretary of States on July 9, 2014. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 10, 2014.
- 4.6 Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation filed with the Delaware Secretary of States on March 10, 2016. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to DEF 14A Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on February 11, 2016.
- 4.7 Amended and Restated Bylaws. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB filed with the SEC on September 13, 2006
- 5.1 Opinion of Alston & Bird LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of Alston & Bird LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Marcum LLP.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page).
- 99.1 Advaxis, Inc. 2015 Incentive Plan. Incorporated by reference to Annex A to DEF 14A Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on April 7, 2015.

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- 99.2 Amendment to the Advaxis, Inc. 2015 Incentive Plan. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit B to DEF 14A Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on February 11, 2016.
- 99.3 Amendment to the Advaxis, Inc. 2015 Incentive Plan. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to DEF 14A Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on February 10, 2017.
- 99.4 Advaxis, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Incorporated by reference to Annex B to DEF 14A Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on August 29, 2011.

