

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC

Form S-3/A

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Registration No. 333- 214531

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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PREFERRED APARTMENT  
COMMUNITIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

27-1712193

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

3284 Northside Parkway NW, Suite 150

Atlanta, Georgia 30327

(770) 818-4100

(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

John A. Williams

Chief Executive Officer

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC.

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement as determined by the registrant.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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.

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

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file an amendment that specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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We are filing this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-214531) (the "Registration Statement") as an exhibit-only filing to file final Exhibits 5.1 and 8.1, which have not been previously filed. Accordingly, this Amendment consists only of the facing page, this explanatory note, Part II of the Registration Statement, the signature page to the Registration Statement and the filed exhibits. The preliminary prospectus is unchanged and has therefore been omitted.

## PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

### Item 14. Other expenses of issuance and distribution

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses to be borne by the registrant in connection with the offering described in this registration statement.

Securities and Exchange Commission Registration Fee	\$ 57,950
NYSE Listing Fee	16,000
Legal Fees and Expenses	500,000
Accounting Fees and Expenses	100,000
Printing Expenses	50,000
Transfer Agent, Escrow Fees and Mailing Costs	1,780,000
Advertising Fees and Expenses	678,000
Due diligence expenses	630,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,688,050
Total Expenses	7,500,000

All amounts in the table above, except the SEC registration fee, are estimated.

### Item 15. Indemnification of directors and officers

Maryland law permits us to include in our charter a provision limiting the liability of our directors and officers to our stockholders and us for money damages, except for liability resulting from (i) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services, or (ii) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment and that is material to the cause of action. Our charter contains such a provision which eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

The Maryland General Corporation Law, or MGCL, requires us (unless our charter provides otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made or threatened to be made a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. The MGCL permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made or threatened to be made a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that:

- the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith, or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;
- the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or
- in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

A court may order indemnification if it determines that the director or officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification, even though the director or officer did not meet the prescribed standard of conduct or was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received. However, indemnification for an adverse judgment in a suit by the corporation or in its right, or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, is

limited to expenses. The MGCL permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon receipt of a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification and a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met. Our charter requires us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, to indemnify and, without requiring a preliminary determination of the ultimate entitlement to indemnification, pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to any individual who is a present or former director or officer and who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity or any individual who, while a director or officer and at our request, serves or has served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, member or manager of another corporation, REIT, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise and who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity. With the approval of our Board of Directors, we may provide such indemnification and advance for expenses to any individual who served a predecessor of the Company in any of the capacities described above and any employee or agent of the Company or a predecessor of the Company, including our Manager or any of its affiliates. This provision does not reduce the exposure of directors and officers to liability under federal or state securities laws, nor does it limit the stockholders' ability to obtain injunctive relief or other equitable remedies for a violation of a director's or an officer's duties to us, although the equitable remedies may not be an effective remedy in some circumstances.

We also have agreed to indemnify and hold harmless Preferred Apartment Advisors, LLC (our Manager) and its affiliates performing services for us from specific claims and liabilities arising out of the performance of their obligations under the management agreement. As a result, our stockholders and we may be entitled to a more limited right of action than they and we would otherwise have if these indemnification rights were not included in the management agreement.

The general effect to investors of any arrangement under which we agree to insure or indemnify any persons against liability is a potential reduction in distributions resulting from our payment of premiums associated with insurance or indemnification payments in excess of amounts covered by insurance. In addition, indemnification could reduce the legal remedies available to our stockholders and us against the officers and directors.

We have entered into an indemnification agreement with each of our officers and directors. Each indemnification agreement provides, among other things, that we will indemnify, to the maximum extent permitted by law, the covered officer or director against any and all judgments, penalties, fines and amounts paid in settlement, and all reasonable and out-of-pocket expenses (including attorneys' fees), actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, arbitration, alternative dispute resolution mechanism, investigation, inquiry, administrative hearing or other proceeding that arises out of the officer's or director's status as a present or former officer, director, employee or agent of the Company. Each indemnification agreement also requires us, upon request of the covered officer or director, to advance the expenses related to such an action provided that the officer or director undertakes to repay any amounts to which he is subsequently determined not to be entitled.

The indemnification agreement is not exclusive of any other rights to indemnification or advancement of expenses to which the covered officer or director may be entitled, including any rights arising under our charter or bylaws or applicable law.

#### Item 16. Exhibits

The exhibit index at the end of this registration statement identifies the exhibits that are included in this registration statement and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 17. 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 of 1933; (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

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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; and (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; provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii) and (iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the 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; and (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 this offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser: (i) each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement, and (ii) each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x), for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and this offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(c) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser: (i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424; (ii) any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant; (iii) the portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and (iv) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(d) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant'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 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.

(e) 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 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

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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.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Atlanta, State of Georgia, on the 30th day of November, 2016.

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC.

/s/ John A. Williams

By: John A. Williams  
Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Amendment No. 1 to registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ John A. Williams John A. Williams	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer)	November 30, 2016
/s/ Leonard A. Silverstein Leonard A. Silverstein	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director	November 30, 2016
/s/ Michael J. Cronin Michael J. Cronin	Executive Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	November 30, 2016
/s/ Daniel M. DuPree Daniel M. DuPree	Chief Investment Officer and Vice Chairman of the Board	November 30, 2016
* Steve Bartkowski	Director	November 30, 2016
* Gary B. Coursey	Director	November 30, 2016
* William J. Gresham, Jr.	Director	November 30, 2016
* Howard A. McLure	Director	November 30, 2016
* Timothy A. Peterson	Director	November 30, 2016
* John M. Wiens	Director	November 30, 2016

\*By: /s/ John A. Williams  
John A. Williams  
Attorney-in-fact  
November 30, 2016

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Document
1.1 <sup>(1)</sup>	Form of Dealer Manager Agreement
1.2 <sup>(1)</sup>	Form of Soliciting Dealer Agreement
3.1 <sup>(2)</sup>	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Preferred Apartment Communities, Inc.
3.2 <sup>(3)</sup>	Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of Preferred Apartment Communities, Inc.
4.1 <sup>(4)</sup>	Sixth Amended and Restated Partnership Agreement, effective as of June 3, 2016, among Preferred Apartment Communities, Inc., Preferred Apartment Advisors, LLC and the other limited partners party thereto
4.2 <sup>(1)</sup>	Articles Supplementary for the mShares
4.3 <sup>(1)</sup>	Form of Subscription Agreement
5.1 <sup>+</sup>	Opinion of Venable LLP
8.1 <sup>+</sup>	Opinion of Proskauer Rose LLP
12.1 <sup>(5)</sup>	Statement Regarding Computation of Ratios
23.1 <sup>(1)</sup>	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
23.2 <sup>(1)</sup>	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
23.3 <sup>(1)</sup>	Consent of CohnReznick LLP
23.4 <sup>(1)</sup>	Consent of CohnReznick LLP
23.5 <sup>(1)</sup>	Consent of Moore, Colson & Company, P.C.
23.6 <sup>(1)</sup>	Consent of Inero & Co. CPAs, LLP
23.7 <sup>(1)</sup>	Consent of KPMG LLP
23.8 <sup>(1)</sup>	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
23.9 <sup>+</sup>	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
23.10 <sup>+</sup>	Consent of Proskauer Rose LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1)
24.1 <sup>(1)</sup>	Power of Attorney

+Filed herewith.

- (1) Previously filed with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-214531) filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2016.
- (2) Previously filed with the Pre-effective Amendment No. 6 to Form S-11 Registration Statement (Registration No. 333-168407) filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 4, 2011.
- (3) Previously filed with the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 28, 2013.
- (4) Previously filed with the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2016.
- (5) Previously filed with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 7, 2016.