

American Homes 4 Rent  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **May 17, 2016**

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**AMERICAN HOMES 4 RENT**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-36013**  
(Commission File Number)

**46-1229660**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**30601 Agoura Road, Suite 200**  
**Agoura Hills, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**91301**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(805) 413-5300**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On May 17, 2016, American Homes 4 Rent (the Company) and American Homes 4 Rent, L.P., the Company's operating partnership (the Operating Partnership), entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with Raymond James & Associates, Inc., FBR Capital Markets & Co., Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives (the Representatives) of the several underwriters named therein (the Underwriters), for the sale of 9,000,000 of its 6.5% Series D cumulative redeemable perpetual preferred shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share (the Series D Preferred Shares). Pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Company granted the Underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 1,350,000 Common Shares at the public offering price per share solely to cover over-allotments, if any. The Company estimates that the net proceeds from the offering, excluding shares issuable if the Underwriters' over-allotment option is exercised and after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by the Company, will be approximately \$217.6 million.

The offering was made pursuant to an automatic shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 7, 2014 (File No. 333-197921), a base prospectus, dated August 7, 2014, included as part of the registration statement, and a prospectus supplement, dated May 17, 2016, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).

Concurrently with the completion of the offering, the daughter of the Company's Chairman of the Board of Trustees, B. Wayne Hughes, agreed to purchase 400,000 of the Company's Series D Preferred Shares in a private placement at the public offering price for an aggregate total purchase price of \$10 million, bringing total expected net proceeds from the offering and the concurrent private placement to \$227.6 million.

The Company expects to contribute the net proceeds from the offering and the concurrent private placement to its Operating Partnership in exchange for 6.5% Series D preferred partnership units. The Operating Partnership intends to use the contribution to repay indebtedness the Company has incurred or expects to incur under its credit facility, to acquire single-family properties and for general corporate purposes, including the repurchase of its securities. A copy of the amendment to the Partnership Agreement relating to the 6.5% Series D preferred partnership units is filed as Exhibit 10.2.

The Company and the Operating Partnership made certain customary representations, warranties and covenants concerning the Company, the Operating Partnership and the registration statement in the Underwriting Agreement and also agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the Underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The Underwriters have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with the Company or its affiliates. The Underwriters have received, and may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions.

A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is attached to this report as Exhibit 1.1 and incorporated herein by reference. In addition, a copy of the share purchase agreement in connection with the concurrent private placement is attached to this report as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The summary set forth above is qualified in its entirety by reference to Exhibits 1.1, 10.1 and 10.2.

**Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.**

Upon issuance of the Series D Preferred Shares referenced in Item 5.03 below, the ability of the Company to make distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or acquire, or make a liquidation payment on, any other shares of beneficial interest of the Company ranking junior to or on a parity with the Series D Preferred Shares, will be subject to certain restrictions in the event that the Company does not declare distributions on the Series D Preferred Shares during any distribution period. The terms of the Series D Preferred Shares are set forth in the Articles Supplementary to the Company's Declaration of Trust, as amended, that are filed as Exhibit 3.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

(a) Under the Company's Declaration of Trust, as amended, the Board of Trustees is authorized without further shareholder action to provide for the issuance of up to 100,000,000 preferred shares of beneficial interest. On May 17, 2016, the Company filed with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation, Articles Supplementary designating 10,750,000 of the Company's preferred shares of beneficial interest as 6.5% Series D Preferred Shares.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated May 17, 2016, by and among the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Representatives.
3.1	Articles Supplementary for the Series D Preferred Shares.
5.1	Opinion of Hogan Lovells US LLP regarding the legality of the Series D Preferred Shares.
10.1	Share Purchase Agreement, dated May 17, 2016, by and among American Homes 4 Rent and Tamara Hughes Gustavson.
10.2	Eleventh Amendment to Agreement of Limited Partnership of American Homes 4 Rent, L.P.
23.1	Consent of Hogan Lovells US LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

**SIGNATURES**

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

Date: May 17, 2016

**AMERICAN HOMES 4 RENT**

By: /s/ Stephanie Heim  
Stephanie Heim  
Senior Vice President - Counsel

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