# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 46-1214914 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

222 Central Park Avenue, Suite 2100 Virginia Beach, Virginia (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

23462 (Zip Code)

Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Full title of the plan)

Louis S. Haddad President and Chief Executive Officer 222 Central Park Avenue, Suite 2100 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462 (Name and address of agent for service)

 $(757)\ 366\text{-}4000$  (Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

With copies to:

David C. Wright, Esq. S. Gregory Cope, Esq. Hunton & Williams LLP Riverfront Plaza, East Tower 951 E. Byrd Street Richmond, Virginia 23219-4074 (804) 788-8388

ndicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See th
lefinitions 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	☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	1	Proposed	Proposed	T T
	Amount	maximum	maximum	
	to be	offering price	aggregate	Amount of
Title of securities to be registered	registered <sup>(1)</sup>	per share <sup>(2)</sup>	offering price	registration fee
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share	700,000	\$11.47	\$8,025,500	\$1,095

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the number of shares of common stock registered hereby includes an indeterminate number of shares that may be issued in connection with share splits, share dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) Calculated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act based on the average of the high and low sales prices of the common stock on the NYSE on May 8, 2013.

#### PART I

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

#### Item 1. Plan Information.\*

### Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.\*

\* The document(s) containing the information specified in this Part I will be sent or given to participants in the Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan in accordance with Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. Such documents need not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 promulgated under the Securities Act. These document(s) and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

#### PART II

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

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

The following documents filed by Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. (the "Registrant") with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Act, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof:

- (a) the Registrant's prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(4) under the Securities Act on May 9, 2013; and
- (b) the description of the Company's common stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on May 3, 2013.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into 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, all or a portion of which is 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 that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or amended, 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 Maryland General Corporation Law ("MGCL") permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages, except for liability resulting from (1) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (2) active and deliberate dishonesty that is established by a final judgment and is material to the cause of action. Our charter contains a provision that eliminates such liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

The MGCL requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, 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.

However, under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify a director or officer for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by such director or officer, unless in either case a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, the MGCL permits a Maryland corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon its 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 by the corporation; and
- a written undertaking by the director or officer or on the director's or officer's behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the director or officer did not meet the standard of conduct.

The Registrant's charter authorizes the Registrant, and the Registrant's bylaws obligate the Registrant, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law in effect from time to time, 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 such a proceeding to:

- any present or former director or officer of the Registrant who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity; and
- any individual who, while a director or officer of the Registrant and at our request, serves or has served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, member or manager of another corporation, real estate investment trust, 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.

The Registrant's charter and bylaws also permit the Registrant, with the approval of the Registrant's Board of Directors, to indemnify and advance expenses to any individual who served the Registrant's predecessor in any of the capacities described above and to any employee or agent of the Registrant or its predecessor.

Upon completion of this offering, the Registrants intends to enter into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and executive officers that will provide for indemnification to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

Insofar as the foregoing provisions permit indemnification of directors, officers or persons controlling us for liability arising under the Securities Act, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC, this indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

#### Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

#### Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-11/A (File No. 333-187513) filed with the SEC on April 26, 2013).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-11/A (File No. 333-187513) filed with the SEC on April 26, 2013).
5.1*	Opinion of Venable LLP as to the legality of the securities being registered.
23.1	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
23.2*	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
23.3*	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Auditors.

<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith.

#### 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 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 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 20 percent 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; 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 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 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.
- (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 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.
- (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 Act 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 Act 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 Virginia Beach, Commonwealth of Virginia, on this 10th day of May, 2013.

#### ARMADA HOFFLER PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ LOUIS S. HADDAD

Name: Louis S. Haddad

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned officers of Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc., hereby severally constitute Louis S. Haddad our true and lawful attorney with full power to sign for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, the registration statement filed herewith and any and all amendments to said registration statement, and generally to do all such things in our names and in our capacities as officers to enable Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming our signature as they may be signed by our said attorney to said registration statement and any and all amendments thereto.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Form S-8 has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date	
/s/ LOUIS S. HADDAD Louis S. Haddad	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	May 10, 2013	
/S/ MICHAEL P. O'HARA Michael P. O'Hara	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)	May 10, 2013	

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<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith.





May 10, 2013

Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. 222 Central Park Avenue, Suite 2100 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Maryland counsel to Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law relating to the registration by the Company of up to 700,000 shares (the "Shares") of the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company that the Company may issue pursuant to the Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), covered by the above-referenced Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), on or about the date hereof.

In connection with our representation of the Company, and as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Documents"):

- 1. The Registration Statement;
- 2. The charter of the Company (the "Charter"), certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT");
- 3. The Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
- 4. A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;
- 5. The Plan;
- 6. Resolutions (the "Resolutions") adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company, relating to the issuance of the Shares and the approval of the Plan, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;

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- 7. Resolutions adopted by the sole stockholder of the Company relating to the approval of the Plan, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
  - 8. A certificate executed by an officer of the Company, dated as of the date hereof; and
- 9. Such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinion set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein.

In expressing the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the following:

- 1. Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or another person, is legally competent to do so.
- 2. Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Company) is duly authorized to do so.
- 3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.
- 4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.
- 5. None of the Shares will be issued in violation of any restriction or limitation contained in the Charter or the Plan. Upon any issuance of Shares, the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Charter.
- 6. Each option, award, right or other security exercisable or exchangeable for a Share pursuant to the Plan (each, an "Award") will be duly authorized and validly granted in accordance with the Plan, and each Award will be exercised or exchanged in accordance with the terms of the Plan and such Award, including any option or award agreement entered into in connection therewith.

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Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that:

- 1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.
- 2. The issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to the Resolutions and the Plan, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Maryland and we do not express any opinion herein concerning any other law. We express no opinion as to the applicability or effect of federal or state securities laws, including the securities laws of the State of Maryland, or as to federal or state laws regarding fraudulent transfers. To the extent that any matter as to which our opinion is expressed herein would be governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland, we do not express any opinion on such matter. The opinion expressed herein is subject to the effect of any judicial decision which may permit the introduction of parol evidence to modify the terms or the interpretation of agreements.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable law changes after the date hereof or if we become aware of any fact that might change the opinion expressed herein after the date hereof.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of the name of our firm therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the 1933 Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Venable LLP

#### Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan of our reports dated March 25, 2013, with respect to (i) the audited balance sheets of Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc.; and (ii) the combined financial statements and schedule of Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. Predecessor included in its Registration Statement (Form S-11 File No. 333-187513) and related prospectus, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Richmond, Virginia May 10, 2013

#### Consent of Independent Auditors

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan of our reports dated March 25, 2013, with respect to (i) the statements of revenues and certain operating expenses of Bermuda Shopping Center, LLC; and (ii) the statements of revenues and certain operating expenses of BSE/AH Blacksburg Apartments, LLC included in its Registration Statement (Form S-11 File No. 333-187513) and related prospectus, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Richmond, Virginia May 10, 2013