#### HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

Form 8-K September 01, 2015

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 1, 2015

#### HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-13100 56-1871668
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification Number)

#### HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina 000-21731 56-1869557
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification Number)

3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600 Raleigh, North Carolina 27604 (Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

Registrants' telephone number, including area code: (919) 872-4924

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrants under any of the following provisions:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

- Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
- 5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

As previously reported, Theodore J. Klinck, 49, succeeded Michael E. Harris, 65, as the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating and Investment Officer on September 1, 2015.

On September 1, 2015, we entered into a change in control agreement with Mr. Klinck on terms substantially similar to the change in control agreements we have in effect with our other executive officers.

Mr. Klinck's compensation arrangement will be substantially similar to what the Company provided to Mr. Harris. Information about the compensation of the Company's Chief Operating Officer is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement filed in connection with its annual meeting of stockholders held on May 13, 2015.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- No. Description
- 10.1\* Executive Supplemental Employment Agreement, dated as of September 1, 2015, between the Company and Theodore J. Klinck

<sup>\*</sup> Represents management contract or compensatory plan.

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

### HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

Jeffrey D. Miller

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

### HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Highwoods Properties, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

Jeffrey D. Miller

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

Dated: September 1, 2015