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

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM S-8 **REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

# **PJT Partners Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

36-4797143 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

280 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017 Telephone: (212) 364-7800 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Second Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (Full title of the plan)

**David Travin General Counsel PJT Partners Inc.** 280 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017 Telephone: (212) 364-7800

(Name and address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

**Charlie Mathes** Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP 425 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3954 Telephone: (212) 455-2000 Facsimile: (212) 455-2502

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, anon-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer X 

Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.  $\Box$ 

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 ("Registration Statement") is being filed for the purpose of registering an additional 16,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of PJT Partners Inc. (the "Registrant") reserved for issuance under the Second Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), which was approved by stockholders on May 24, 2023 at the Registrant's 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "2023 Annual Meeting"). These additional shares of Common Stock are additional securities of the same class as other securities for which an original registration statement (File No. <u>333-207207</u>) on Form S-8 was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on September 30, 2015 and an additional registration statement (File No. <u>333-231075</u>) was filed on April 26, 2019.

Pursuant to General Instruction E to FormS-8, the contents of such earlier registration statements are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement, except that the provisions contained in Part II of such earlier registration statements are modified as set forth below.

### PART II

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

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

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

- (a) The Registrant's <u>Annual Report on Form 10-K</u> for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, filed on February 24, 2023;
- (b) The Registrant's <u>Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q</u> for the quarter ended March 31, 2023, filed on May 3, 2023;
- (c) The Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 25, 2023; and
- (d) The description of the Registrant's Class A common stock contained <u>Exhibit 4.1</u> to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed on February 27, 2020, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents that the Registrant subsequently files pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement (except for any portions of the Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 thereof and any corresponding exhibits thereto not filed with the Commission or other information "furnished" to the Commission) and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement indicating that all securities offered 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 in a document 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 which 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 superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

#### Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") allows a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director or officer of the corporation will not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director or officer, except that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of (1) a director or officer for any breach of the director's or officer's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (2) a director or officer for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) a director under section 174 of the DGCL for unlawful payment of dividends or stock purchases or redemptions, (4) a director or officer for any transaction from which the director or officer derived an improper personal benefit or (5) an officer in any action by or in the right of the corporation. The Registrant's amended and restated certificate of incorporation, as amended by stockholders at the 2023 Annual Meeting, provides for this limitation of liability for directors and officers.

Section 145 of the DGCL ("Section 145"), provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was, is or is threatened to be made, 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 such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation by reasons of the fact that such person is or was a director, employee or agent of another corporation or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reasons of the fact that such person is or was a director, employee or agent of another corporation or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reasons of the fact that such person is or was a director, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reasons of the fact that such person is or was a director, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reasons acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonable cause to be in or not opposed to the corporation suit, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corp

Section 145 further authorizes a corporation 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 as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would otherwise have the power to indemnify him or her under Section 145.

The Registrant's amended and restated bylaws provide that the Registrant must indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL and must also pay expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition upon delivery of an undertaking, by or on behalf of an indemnified person, to repay all amounts so advanced if it should be determined ultimately that such person is not entitled to be indemnified under the Registrant's amended and restated bylaws or otherwise.

The indemnification rights set forth above shall not be exclusive of any other right which an indemnified person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Registrant's amended and restated certificate of incorporation, the Registrant's amended and restated bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

The Registrant currently maintains liability insurance for its directors and officers. Such insurance is available to the Registrant's directors and officers in accordance with its terms.

## Item 8. Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Registration Statement:

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
4.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of PJT Partners Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on October 5, 2015).
4.2	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of PJT Partners Inc.
4.3	Amended and Restated By-Laws of PJT Partners Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on October 5, 2015).
4.3	Second Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on May 25, 2023).
5.1	Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP.
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
23.2	Consent of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1).

24.1 <u>Powers of Attorney (included in the signature pages to this Registration Statement).</u>

107.1 <u>Filing Fees</u>

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, 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 New York, State of New York, on the 7th day of June 2023.

## PJT PARTNERS INC.

By: /s/ David K.F. Gillis

Name: David K.F. Gillis Title: Managing Director, Corporate Secretary

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned directors and officers of the Registrant, which is filing a Registration Statement on Form S-8 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549 under the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 hereby constitute and appoint Paul J. Taubman, Helen T. Meates, Ji-Yeun Lee and David Travin, and each of them, any of whom may act without joinder of the other, the individual's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the person and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign this Registration Statement and any or all amendments or supplements to this Registration Statement, including post-effective amendments, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and does hereby grant 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 or she might or could do in person, hereby virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement and powers of attorney have been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the 7th day of June 2023.

Signature	Title			
/s/ Paul J. Taubman Paul J. Taubman	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)			
/s/ Helen T. Meates Helen T. Meates	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)			
/s/ K. Don Cornwell K. Don Cornwell	Director			
/s/ James Costos James Costos	Director			
/s/ Emily K. Rafferty Emily K. Rafferty	Director			
/s/ Thomas M. Ryan Thomas M. Ryan	Director			
/s/ Grace Reksten Skaugen Grace Reksten Skaugen	Director			
/s/ Kenneth C. Whitney Kenneth C. Whitney	Director			

#### CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF PJT PARTNERS INC.

PJT Partners Inc. (the "Corporation"), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware pursuant to Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), hereby certifies as follows:

1. The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, as heretofore amended, is hereby amended by adding a new Article XII, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

### "ARTICLE XII

Section 12.1. Limited Liability of Officers. No officer of the Corporation shall have any personal liability to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as an officer, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the DGCL as the same exists or hereafter may be amended. Neither the amendment nor the repeal of this Article XII shall eliminate or reduce the effect thereof in respect of any state of facts existing or act or omission occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Article XII, would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment or repeal."

2. The Board of Directors of the Corporation has adopted a resolution approving and declaring advisable the foregoing amendment in accordance with the provisions of Section 242(b)(1) of the DGCL.

3. The stockholders of the Corporation, at a meeting duly called and held pursuant to Section 222 of the DGCL, duly adopted the amendments set forth in this Certificate of Amendment in accordance with the provisions of Section 242 of the DGCL.

4. The foregoing amendments were duly adopted in accordance with Section 242 of the DGCL.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as a duly authorized officer of the Corporation, has executed this Certificate of Amendment on June 1, 2023.

## PJT PARTNERS INC.

	/s/ David K.F. Gillis
Name:	David K.F. Gillis
Title:	Corporate Secretary

June 7, 2023

PJT Partners Inc. 280 Park Avenue New York, New York 10017

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to PJT Partners Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Registration Statement on FormS-8 (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, relating to the issuance by the Company of up to 16,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

We have examined the Registration Statement, the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended by the Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company and the Plan, which have been filed with the Commission as exhibits to the Registration Statement. In addition, we have examined, and have relied as to matters of fact upon, originals, or duplicates or certified or conformed copies, of such records, agreements, documents and other instruments and such certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company and have made such other investigations as we have deemed relevant and necessary in connection with the opinions hereinafter set forth.

In rendering the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as duplicates or certified or conformed copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, we are of the opinion that, upon issuance and delivery in accordance with the Plan, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the Delaware General Corporation Law.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP

#### Exhibit 23.1

**Deloitte.** 

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## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on FormS-8 of our reports dated February 24, 2023, relating to the financial statements of PJT Partners Inc. (the "Company"), and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

New York, New York June 6, 2023

#### **Calculation of Filing Fee Tables**

## Form S-8

(Form Type)

#### **PJT Partners Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

## Table 1: Newly Registered Securities

Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation Rule	Amount Registered <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(2)</sup>	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee
Equity	Common Stock	Other	16,000,000	\$66.96	\$1,071,360,000	0.00011020	\$118,064
То	Total Offering Amounts						\$118,064
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(1) Covers common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of PJT Partners Inc. ("Common Stock") under Second Amended and Restated PJT Partners Inc. 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and, pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, an indeterminate number of additional shares of Common Stock that may be offered and issued under the Plan to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock distributions or similar transactions.

(2) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(h)(1) and Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act based on a price of \$66.96 per share of Common Stock, which is the average of the high and low price per share of Common Stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on June 1, 2023.