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PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT  
(To Prospectus dated March 20, 2017)

## **Shares**

### **Common Stock**

We are offering        shares of our common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, in this offering.

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "ADXS." On February 20, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market was \$2.59 per share.

**Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

|  | Per share | Total |
|--|-----------|-------|
| Public offering price                  | \$        | \$    |
| Underwriting discounts and commissions | \$        | \$    |
| Proceeds to Advaxis (before expenses)  | \$        | \$    |

Delivery of the shares of common stock is expected to be made on or about February , 2018. We have granted the underwriters an option for a period of 30 days to purchase up to additional shares of our common stock. If the underwriters exercise the option in full, the total underwriting discounts and commissions payable by us will be \$ and the total proceeds to us, before expenses, will be \$ .

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**Jefferies Guggenheim Securities**

Prospectus Supplement dated , 2018

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this common stock offering and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, provides more general information. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference herein or therein filed prior to the date of this prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement; provided that if any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date — for example, a document incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus — the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference herein or therein were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreements, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you. Moreover, such representations, warranties or covenants were accurate only as of the date when made. Accordingly, such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs.

Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide information different from that contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in this offering. When you make a decision about whether to invest in our common stock, you should not rely upon any information other than the information in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, including any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in this offering. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, including any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in this offering, nor the sale of our common stock means that information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in this offering, is correct after their respective dates. It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in the sections entitled “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference” in this prospectus supplement.

We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of our common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering

of the common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the common stock and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

Unless otherwise stated, all references in this prospectus to “we,” “us,” “our,” “Advaxis,” the “Company” and similar designations refer to Advaxis, Inc. This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the information incorporated by reference herein and therein contain trademarks, service marks and trade names of Advaxis, Inc., including our name and logo. Other trademarks, service marks and trade names referred to in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or the information incorporated by reference herein and therein are the property of their respective owners.

## SPECIAL CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement includes statements that are, or may be deemed, “forward-looking statements.” In some cases, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms “believes,” “estimates,” “anticipates,” “expects,” “plans,” “intends,” “may,” “could,” “might,” “will,” “should,” “approximately,” and “may be,” and their negative or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. They appear in a number of places throughout this prospectus supplement and include statements regarding our intentions, beliefs, projections, outlook, analyses or current expectations concerning, among other things, our ongoing and planned discovery and development of drug candidates, the strength and breadth of our intellectual property, our ongoing and planned preclinical studies and clinical trials, the timing of and our ability to make regulatory filings and obtain and maintain regulatory approvals for our product candidates, the degree of clinical utility of our product candidates, particularly in specific patient populations, expectations regarding clinical trial data, our results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, prospects, growth and strategies, the length of time that we will be able to continue to fund our operating expenses and capital expenditures, our expected financing needs and sources of financing, the industry in which we operate and the trends that may affect the industry or us.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events, competitive dynamics, and healthcare, regulatory and scientific developments and depend on the economic circumstances that may or may not occur in the future or may occur on longer or shorter timelines than anticipated. Although we believe that we have a reasonable basis for each forward-looking statement contained in this prospectus supplement, we caution you that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that our actual results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate may differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement. In addition, even if our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement, they may not be predictive of results or developments in future periods.

Some of the factors that we believe could cause actual results to differ from those anticipated or predicted include:

the success and timing of our clinical trials, including patient accrual;

our ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval and/or reimbursement of our product candidates for marketing;

our ability to obtain the appropriate labeling of our products under any regulatory approval;

our plans to develop and commercialize our products;

the successful development and implementation of our sales and marketing campaigns;

the change of key scientific or management personnel;

the size and growth of the potential markets for our product candidates and our ability to serve those markets;

our ability to successfully compete in the potential markets for our product candidates, if commercialized;

regulatory developments in the United States and other countries;

the rate and degree of market acceptance of any of our product candidates;

new products, product candidates or new uses for existing products or technologies introduced or announced by our competitors and the timing of these introductions or announcements;

market conditions in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors;

our available cash;

our intended use of the net proceeds from this offering;

the accuracy of our estimates regarding expenses, future revenues, capital requirements and needs for additional financing;

our ability to obtain additional funding;

our ability to obtain and maintain intellectual property protection for our product candidates;

the success and timing of our preclinical studies including IND enabling studies;

the ability of our product candidates to successfully perform in clinical trials;

our ability to obtain and maintain approval of our product candidates for trial initiation;

our ability to manufacture and the performance of third-party manufacturers;

the performance of our clinical research organizations, clinical trial sponsors and clinical trial investigators; and

our ability to successfully implement our strategy.

Any forward-looking statements that we make in this prospectus supplement speak only as of the date of such statement, and we undertake no obligation to update such statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus supplement. You should also read carefully the factors described in the “Risk Factors” section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2017, as filed with the SEC on December 21, 2017, to better understand the risks and uncertainties inherent in our business and underlying any forward-looking statements. As a result of these factors, we cannot assure you that the forward-looking statements in this prospectus supplement will prove to be accurate.

This prospectus supplement includes statistical and other industry and market data that we obtained from industry publications and research, surveys and studies conducted by third-parties. Industry publications and third-party research, surveys and studies generally indicate that their information has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, although they do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information. While we believe these industry publications and third-party research, surveys and studies are reliable, we have not independently verified such data.

We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements. In addition, with respect to all of our forward-looking statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.



## PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

*This summary highlights information contained elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and in the documents we incorporate by reference. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding to invest in our common stock. You should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully, including the “Risk Factors” section contained in this prospectus supplement and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes and the other documents incorporated by reference herein, as well as the information included in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering.*

### **Our Business**

We are a late-stage biotechnology Company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of proprietary antigen delivery products based on a platform technology that utilizes live attenuated *Listeria monocytogenes* (*Lm*) bioengineered to secrete antigen/adjuvant fusion proteins. These *Lm*-based strains are believed to be a significant advancement in immunotherapy as they integrate multiple functions into a single immunotherapy by accessing and directing antigen presenting cells to stimulate anti-tumor T cell immunity, stimulate and activate the immune system with the equivalent of multiple adjuvants, and simultaneously reduce tumor protection in the Tumor Microenvironment (TME) to enable the T cells to eliminate tumors. We believe that our immunotherapies can complement and address significant unmet needs in the current oncology treatment landscape. Specifically, our product candidates have the potential to optimize checkpoint performance, while having a generally well-tolerated safety profile, and most of our product candidates are immediately available for treatment with a low cost of goods. Our passion for the clinical potential of *Lm* Technology is balanced by focus and fiscal discipline and driven towards increasing stockholder value.

We are focused on four franchises in various stages of clinical and pre-clinical development, which we believe will provide the greatest opportunity to have a significant impact on patients and their families:

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)-associated cancers

Individualized neoantigen therapy

Disease focused hotspot / cancer antigen therapies

Prostate cancer

All four clinical franchises are anchored in our *Lm* Technology, a unique platform designed for its ability to safely and effectively target various cancers in multiple ways. As an intracellular bacterium, *Lm* is an effective vector for the presentation of antigens through both the Major Histocompatibility Complex I and II pathways, due to its active phagocytosis by Antigen Presenting Cells (APCs). Within the APCs, *Lm* produces virulence factors which allow survival in the host cytosol and potent stimulation of the immune system.

Through a license from the University of Pennsylvania, we have exclusive access to a proprietary formulation of attenuated *Lm* called *Lm* Technology. *Lm* Technology optimizes this natural system, and one of the keys to its enhanced immunogenicity is the *tLLO*-fusion protein, which is made up of tumor associated antigen fused to a highly immunogenic bacterial protein that triggers potent cellular immunity. The *tLLO*-fusion protein also helps to reduce immune tolerance in the TME and promotes antigen spreading, thereby improving activity in the TME. Multiple copies of the *tLLO*-fusion protein within each construct may increase antigen presentation and TME impact.

As the field of immunotherapy continues to evolve, the flexibility of the *Lm* Technology platform has allowed us to develop highly innovative product candidates. To date, *Lm* Technology has demonstrated preclinical synergy with multiple checkpoint inhibitors, costimulatory agents and radiation therapy, with clinical trials currently underway or planned in combination with Merck & Co., Inc., AstraZeneca PLC, and Bristol-Myers Squibb Company's PD-1/PDL-1 inhibitors. The safety profile of all *Lm* Technology constructs seen to date has been predictable and manageable, consisting mostly of mild-to-moderate flu-like symptoms that have been transient and associated with infusion.

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Our corporate strategy is to advance our *Lm* Technology platform and leverage its unique capabilities to design and develop an array of cancer treatments. We and our collaborators are currently conducting or planning clinical studies of *Lm* Technology immunotherapies in HPV-associated cancers (including cervical and head and neck), prostate cancer, non-small cell lung cancers, and microsatellite stable colorectal cancer. Our partners and collaborators include Amgen, Inc., BMS, Merck, AstraZeneca, the Gynecological Oncology Group Foundation, Inc. (now a member of NRG Oncology), the European Network for Gynaecological Oncological Trial groups, the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy, Baylor College of Medicine and the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Moving forward, we will continue to invest in our core clinical franchises and will also remain opportunistic in evaluating Investigator Sponsored Trials as well as licensing opportunities. The *Lm* Technology platform is protected by a range of patents and pending patent applications, directed to both product and process, some of which patent applications, if issued, are not expected to expire until 2038, assuming all maintenance fees are paid.

## **Recent Developments**

On February 13, 2018, we announced that we have submitted a conditional Marketing Authorization Application (MAA) to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for our lead product candidate, axalimogene filolisbac, for the treatment of adult women who progress beyond first-line therapy of persistent, recurrent or metastatic carcinoma of the cervix (PRmCC). The EMA will evaluate the totality of the data, including results from the Phase 2 GOG-0265 study in 50 women as well as supportive data from other clinical trials evaluating axalimogene filolisbac. In parallel with the MAA review process, the Company will continue assessing partnership opportunities for the potential commercialization of axalimogene filolisbac in Europe.

On February 13, 2018, we also announced that we have decided to align and simplify our strategy by using axalimogene filolisbac in all ongoing and planned HPV-related cancer clinical trials, including the upcoming ADVANCE trial, previously planned with ADXS-DUAL. The strategic decision to harmonize all trials to axalimogene filolisbac is based on its clinical profile to date in over 250 patients, and its demonstration of similar activity in both HPV 16 and 18 subtypes in GOG-0265. We believe that harmonizing to a single product candidate for all HPV-related programs will streamline developmental, regulatory and commercialization strategies.

During our quarter ended January 31, 2018, we sold 881,629 shares of our common stock for gross proceeds of \$2.74 million and net proceeds of approximately \$2.66 million after deducting commissions and before deducting offering expenses pursuant to our Controlled Equity Offering sales agreement with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. We plan to use the net proceeds from the sale of the shares to fund our research and development activities.

## Financial Update

While we have not finalized our full financial results for the fiscal quarter ended January 31, 2018, we expect to report that we had \$59.4 million of cash, cash equivalents and investments as of January 31, 2018. This amount is preliminary, has not been audited and is subject to change pending completion of our unaudited financial statements for the quarter ended January 31, 2018. Additional information and disclosures would be required for a more complete understanding of our financial position and results of operations as of January 31, 2018.

## Company Information

We were originally incorporated in the State of Colorado on June 5, 1987 under the name Great Expectations, Inc. We were a publicly-traded “shell” company without any business until November 12, 2004 when we acquired Advaxis, Inc., a Delaware corporation, through a Share Exchange and Reorganization Agreement, dated as of August 25, 2004, which we refer to as the Share Exchange, by and among Advaxis, the stockholders of Advaxis and us. As a result of the Share Exchange, Advaxis became our wholly-owned subsidiary and our sole operating company. On December 23, 2004, we amended and restated our articles of incorporation and changed our name to Advaxis, Inc. On June 6, 2006, our stockholders approved the reincorporation of our company from Colorado to Delaware by merging the Colorado entity into our wholly-owned Delaware subsidiary. Our date of inception, for financial statement purposes, is March 1, 2002 and we were uplisted to Nasdaq in 2013.

Our principal executive offices are located at 305 College Road East, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 and our telephone number is (609) 452-9813. We maintain a corporate website at [www.advaxis.com](http://www.advaxis.com) which contains descriptions of our technology, our product candidates and the development status of each drug. We are not including the information on our website as a part of, nor incorporating it by reference into, this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. For further information regarding us and our financial information, you should refer to our recent filings with the SEC. See “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference.”

## The Offering

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| Common stock offered by us                                    | shares  |
| Common stock to be outstanding immediately after the offering | shares (or additional shares) shares if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase  |
| Option to purchase additional shares                          | We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to additional shares of our common stock. This option is exercisable, in whole or in part, for a period of 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement.   |
| Use of proceeds   | We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund our continued research and development initiatives in connection with expanding our product pipeline and for other general corporate purposes. This includes, but is not limited to (i) investment in ongoing clinical research with axalimogene filolisbac, ADXS-PSA and ADXS-NEO, both in monotherapy and combination therapy; (ii) expansion of research with axalimogene filolisbac, ADXS-PSA and ADXS-NEO to additional indications and collaborations; and (iii) progression of pre-clinical constructs, including but not limited to ADXS-HOT, into clinical research in both monotherapy and combination therapy. See “Use of Proceeds” beginning on page S-8 of this prospectus.” |
| Risk factors  | Your investment in shares of our common stock involves substantial risks. You should consider the matters referred to under the heading “Risk Factors” in this prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein.  |
| Nasdaq Global Select Market symbol                            | ADXS  |

## Outstanding Shares

The number of shares of common stock to be outstanding immediately after the offering is based on 41,206,538 shares of common stock outstanding as of October 31, 2017. The number of shares of common stock to be outstanding after this offering does not take into account as of October 31, 2017:

3,092,395 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding warrants at a weighted average exercise price of \$5.00 per share;

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1,363,119 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon settlement of restricted stock units;

3,893,558 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding stock options at a weighted average exercise price of \$12.51 per share;

710,853 shares of our common stock reserved for future awards under our 2015 Incentive Plan;

2,066,147 shares of our common stock reserved after October 31, 2017 for future awards under our 2015 Incentive Plan; and

881,629 shares of our common stock issued after October 31, 2017 under our Controlled Equity Offering sales agreement with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.

Except as otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus supplement assumes:

no exercise of the outstanding options or warrants or settlement of restricted stock units after October 31, 2017; and

no exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase additional shares.

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## RISK FACTORS

*Investment in our common stock involves risks. Before deciding whether to invest in our common stock, you should consider carefully the risk factors discussed below and those contained in the section entitled “Risk Factors” contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2017, as filed with the SEC on December 21, 2017, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, as well as any amendment or update to our risk factors reflected in subsequent filings with the SEC. If any of the risks or uncertainties described in our SEC filings actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flow could be materially and adversely affected. This could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline, resulting in a loss of all or part of your investment. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business operations.*

### **Risks Related to this Offering**

*Our stock price can be volatile, which increases the risk of litigation, and may result in a significant decline in the value of your investment.*

The trading price of our common stock is likely to be highly volatile and subject to wide fluctuations in price in response to various factors, many of which are beyond our control and may not be related to our operating performance. These fluctuations could cause you to lose part or all of your investment in our common stock. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time;

changes in the market valuations, stock market prices and trading volumes of similar companies;

actual or anticipated changes in our net loss or fluctuations in our operating results or in the expectations of securities analysts;

the issuance of new equity securities pursuant to a future offering, including potential issuances of preferred stock;

general economic conditions and trends;

positive and negative events relating to healthcare and the overall pharmaceutical and biotech sector;

major catastrophic events;

sales of large blocks of our stock;

additions or departures of key personnel;

changes in the regulatory status of our immunotherapies, including results of our pre-clinical and clinical trials;

events affecting the University of Pennsylvania or any of our other current or future collaborators;

announcements of new products or technologies, commercial relationships or other events by us or our competitors;

regulatory developments in the United States and other countries;

failure of our common stock or warrants to be listed or quoted on the Nasdaq Stock Market, NYSE Amex Equities or other national market system

changes in accounting principles; and

discussion of us or our stock price by the financial and scientific press and in online investor communities.



In addition, equity markets in general, and the market for biotechnology and life sciences companies in particular, have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of companies traded in those markets. These broad market and industry factors may materially affect the market price of our common stock, regardless of our development and operating performance. In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class-action litigation has often been instituted against that company. Due to the volatility of our stock price, we have been and may be the target of securities litigation in the future. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and divert management's in the future attention and resources from our business.

***Future sales or other issuances of our common stock could depress the market for our common stock.***

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock, or the perception by the market that those sales could occur, could cause the market price of our common stock to decline or could make it more difficult for us to raise funds through the sale of equity in the future.

In connection with this offering, we and our directors and executive officers have entered into lock-up agreements for a period of 90 days, respectively, following this offering (which period may be extended under certain circumstances). We and our directors and executive officers may be released from lock-up prior to the expiration of the lock-up period at the sole discretion of Jefferies and Guggenheim. See "Plan of Distribution." Upon expiration or earlier release of the lock-up, we and our directors and executive officers may sell shares into the market, which could adversely affect the market price of shares of our common stock.

Future issuances of common stock could further depress the market for our common stock. We expect to continue to incur drug development and selling, general and administrative costs, and to satisfy our funding requirements, we will need to sell additional equity securities, which may be subject to registration rights and warrants with anti-dilutive protective provisions. The sale or the proposed sale of substantial amounts of our common stock or other equity securities in the public markets may adversely affect the market price of our common stock and our stock price may decline substantially. Our stockholders may experience substantial dilution and a reduction in the price that they are able to obtain upon sale of their shares. Also, new equity securities issued may have greater rights, preferences or privileges than our existing common stock. In addition, we have a significant number of shares of restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock options and warrants outstanding. To the extent that outstanding stock options or warrants have been or may be exercised or other shares issued, investors purchasing our common stock in this offering may experience further dilution.

If we make one or more significant acquisitions in which the consideration includes stock or other securities, our stockholders' holdings may be significantly diluted. In addition, stockholders' holdings may also be diluted if we enter into arrangements with third parties permitting us to issue shares of common stock in lieu of certain cash payments

upon the achievement of milestones.

***We have broad discretion to use the net proceeds from this offering and our investment of these proceeds pending any such use may not yield a favorable return.***

Our management has broad discretion as to how to spend the proceeds from this offering and may spend these proceeds in ways with which our stockholders may not agree. Pending any such uses, we plan to invest the net proceeds of this offering in short-term and long-term, investment-grade, interest-bearing securities. These investments may not yield a favorable return to our stockholders. See “Use of Proceeds.”

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***If you purchase shares of common stock in this offering, you will suffer immediate dilution in the book value of your shares.***

The offering price of our common stock is substantially higher than the net tangible book value per share of our common stock. Therefore, if you purchase shares of our common stock in this offering, you will pay a price per share that substantially exceeds our net tangible book value per share after this offering. To the extent outstanding options or warrants are exercised, you will incur further dilution. If you purchase shares in this offering, you will experience immediate dilution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, representing the difference between our as adjusted net tangible book value per share after giving effect to this offering. For a further description of the dilution that you will experience immediately after this offering, see “Dilution.”

***We do not intend to pay cash dividends.***

We have not declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock, and we do not anticipate declaring or paying cash dividends for the foreseeable future. Any future determination as to the payment of cash dividends on our common stock will be at our Board of Directors’ discretion and will depend on our financial condition, operating results, capital requirements and other factors that our Board of Directors considers to be relevant.

***Certain anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents and Delaware law could make a third-party acquisition of us difficult. This could limit the price investors might be willing to pay in the future for our common stock.***

Provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or of discouraging a third party from attempting to acquire, or control us. These factors could limit the price that certain investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation allows us to issue preferred stock without the approval of our stockholders. The issuance of preferred stock could decrease the amount of earnings and assets available for distribution to the holders of our common stock or could adversely affect the rights and powers, including voting rights, of such holders. In certain circumstances, such issuance could have the effect of decreasing the market price of our common stock. Our amended and restated bylaws also provide our board of directors with the ability to alter such bylaws without stockholder approval. Any of these provisions could also have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control.

## **Risks Related to Our Business**

***Even if this offering is successful, we expect that we will need to raise additional funding to complete the development and commercialization of our product candidates. This additional financing may not be available on acceptable terms, or at all. Failure to obtain this necessary capital when needed may force us to delay, limit, or terminate our product development efforts or other operations.***

We estimate that our current cash, cash equivalents and investments, along with the net proceeds from this offering, will be sufficient for us to fund our operating expenses and capital expenditure requirements into calendar 2Q 2019. We have based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could utilize our available capital resources sooner than we currently expect. In addition, the expected net proceeds of this offering will not be sufficient for us to fund any of our product candidates through regulatory approval, and we will need to raise substantial additional capital to complete the development and commercialization of our product candidates. We will continue to seek funds through equity or debt financings, collaborative or other arrangements with corporate sources, or through other sources of financing. Adequate additional funding may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. In particular, our board has approved an amendment to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation to increase the number of shares of our common stock authorized for issuance, which is subject to approval by our stockholders at our 2018 Annual Meeting of stockholders on March 21, 2018, and the failure to obtain such stockholder approval would limit our ability to raise capital. Any failure to raise capital as and when needed, as a result of insufficient authorized shares or otherwise, could have a negative impact on our financial condition and on our ability to pursue our business plans and strategies.

***The recently enacted tax reform bill could adversely affect our business and financial condition.***

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed into law the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act,” or the TCJA, which significantly amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The TCJA, among other things, reduces the corporate tax rate from a top marginal rate of 35% to a flat rate of 21%, limits the tax deduction for interest expense to 30% of adjusted earnings, eliminates net operating loss carrybacks, imposes a one-time tax on offshore earnings at reduced rates regardless of whether they are repatriated, allows immediate deductions for certain new investments instead of deductions for depreciation expense over time, and modifies or repeals many business deductions and credits. We continue to examine the impact these changes may have on our business. Notwithstanding the reduction in the corporate income tax rate, the overall impact of the TCJA is uncertain and our business and financial condition could be adversely affected. The impact of the TCJA on holders of our common stock is also uncertain and could be adverse. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not discuss the TCJA or the manner in which it might affect us or purchasers of our common stock. We urge our stockholders, including purchasers of common stock in this offering, to consult with their legal and tax advisers with respect to the TCJA and the potential tax consequences of investing in our common stock.

***We are subject to U.S. and certain foreign export and import controls, sanctions, embargoes, anti-corruption laws, and anti-money laundering laws and regulations. We can face criminal liability and other serious consequences for violations which can harm our business.***

We are subject to U.S. export control and economic sanctions laws and regulations and other restrictions on international trade. As such, we are required to export our technology, products, and services in compliance with those laws and regulations. If we export our technology, products, or services, the exports may require authorizations, including a license, a license exception or other appropriate government authorization. In addition, the United States and other governments and their agencies impose sanctions and embargoes on certain countries, their governments and designated parties, which may prohibit the export of certain technology, products, and services to such persons altogether.

We are also subject to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, the U.S. domestic bribery statute contained in 18 U.S.C. § 201, the U.S. Travel Act, the USA PATRIOT Act, and possibly other state and national anti-bribery and anti-money laundering laws in countries in which we conduct activities. Anti-corruption laws are interpreted broadly and prohibit companies and their employees, third-party intermediaries, and other associated persons from authorizing, promising, offering, providing, soliciting, or accepting directly or indirectly, improper payments or benefits to or from any person whether in the public or private sector. We have direct or indirect interactions with officials and employees of government agencies. We can be held liable for the corrupt or other illegal activities of our employees, representatives, contractors, business partners, and agents, in violation of U.S. and applicable foreign anti-corruption, export, import, sanctions, or anti-money laundering laws and regulations, even if we do not explicitly authorize or have actual knowledge of such activities.

Any violation of the laws and regulations described above may result in substantial civil and criminal fines and penalties, imprisonment, the loss of export or import privileges, debarment, tax reassessments, breach of contract and fraud litigation, reputational harm, and other consequences.

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## USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate the net proceeds to us from the sale of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock in this offering will be approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million, after deducting the discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund our continued research and development initiatives in connection with expanding our product pipeline and for other general corporate purposes. This includes, but is not limited to:

investment in our ongoing clinical research with axalimogene filolisbac, ADXS-PSA and ADXS-NEO, both in monotherapy and combination therapy;

expansion of our research with axalimogene filolisbac, ADXS-PSA and ADXS-NEO to additional indications and collaborations; and

progression of our pre-clinical constructs, including but not limited to ADXS-HOT, into clinical research in both monotherapy and combination therapy.

We may also use a portion of the net proceeds to acquire or invest in complementary businesses, products and technologies. Although we currently have no specific agreements, commitments or understandings with respect to any acquisition or investment, we evaluate acquisition and investment opportunities and may engage in related discussions with other companies from time to time.

The timing and amounts of our actual expenditures will depend on several factors, including data results, progression of our clinical development programs as well as our joint collaborators. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we cannot specify with certainty all of the particular uses for the net proceeds to us from this offering. Accordingly, our management will have broad discretion in the application of these proceeds. Pending the uses described above, we will invest the net proceeds in short-term and long-term, investment grade, interest-bearing securities.

## PRICE RANGE OF OUR COMMON STOCK

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market and trades under the symbol “ADXS.” On February 20, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market was \$2.59 per share. On February 20, 2018, there were approximately 95 holders of record of our common stock. This number does not include beneficial owners whose shares are held by nominees in street name. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the reported high and low intraday sales prices per share of our common stock as reported on The Nasdaq Stock Market:

|  | High    | Low    |
|--|---------|--------|
| Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2016         |         |        |
| First Quarter                              | \$14.60 | \$6.28 |
| Second Quarter                             | \$10.39 | \$5.21 |
| Third Quarter                              | \$10.03 | \$6.47 |
| Fourth Quarter                             | \$16.30 | \$7.61 |
| Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2017         |         |        |
| First Quarter                              | \$10.88 | \$6.97 |
| Second Quarter                             | \$10.06 | \$7.36 |
| Third Quarter                              | \$9.55  | \$5.70 |
| Fourth Quarter                             | \$7.45  | \$3.04 |
| Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2018        |         |        |
| First Quarter                              | \$3.40  | \$2.82 |
| Second Quarter (through February 20, 2018) | \$2.93  | \$2.51 |



## DIVIDEND POLICY

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our financial condition, operating results, capital requirements and other factors that our board of directors considers to be relevant.

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## CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash, cash equivalents and investments and capitalization as of October 31, 2017:

on an actual basis;

on a pro forma basis to give effect to the issuance of 881,629 shares of our common stock pursuant to our Controlled Equity Offering sales agreement with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. in January 2018; and

on a pro forma as adjusted basis to reflect the sale of the \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock offered by us in this offering (assuming no exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares) after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

You should read this information together with our financial statements and the notes to those statements incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the related prospectus.

| October 31, 2017 (audited) (in thousands, except share and par value data)  | Actual    | Pro Forma | Pro Forma<br>As<br>Adjusted |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Cash, cash equivalents and investments  | \$70,885  | \$73,544  | \$                          |
| Stockholders' equity:   |           |           |                             |
| Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 5,000,000 shares authorized; 0 shares issued and outstanding, actual, pro forma and pro forma as adjusted                                 | —         | —         | —                           |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 65,000,000 shares authorized; 41,206,538 shares actual, 42,088,167 shares pro forma and shares pro forma as adjusted, issued and outstanding | 41        | 42        |                             |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 355,361   | 358,019   |                             |
| Treasury stock, at cost, 0 shares, actual, pro forma and pro forma as adjusted  | —         | —         | —                           |
| Accumulated deficit   | (301,142) | (301,142) | (301,142)                   |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 54,260    | 56,919    |                             |
| Total capitalization  | \$54,260  | \$56,919  | \$                          |

The table excludes the following shares:

3,092,395 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding warrants at a weighted average exercise price of \$5.00 per share;

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1,363,119 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon settlement of restricted stock units;

3,893,558 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding stock options at a weighted average exercise price of \$12.51 per share;

710,853 shares of our common stock reserved for future awards under our 2015 Incentive Plan; and

2,066,147 shares of our common stock reserved after October 31, 2017 for future awards under our 2015 Incentive Plan.

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## DILUTION

Purchasers of the shares offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will suffer immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value per share of the common stock they purchase. Net tangible book value per share represents the amount of total tangible assets less total liabilities, divided by the number of shares of our common stock outstanding as of October 31, 2017. Our net tangible book value as of October 31, 2017 was approximately \$49,403,392, or \$1.20 per share of our common stock. Our pro forma net tangible book value per share as of October 31, 2017 was \$52,062,141, or \$1.24 per share of common stock, after giving effect to the issuance of 881,629 shares of our common stock in a Controlled Equity Offering in January 2018.

Dilution in net tangible book value per share represents the difference between the amount per share paid by purchasers in this offering and the net tangible book value per share of our common stock immediately after this offering. After giving effect to the sale of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock in this offering at the public offering price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, and after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and the estimated offering expenses payable by us, our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value as of October 31, 2017 would have been approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share of common stock to our existing stockholders and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share of common stock to purchasers in this offering.

The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Public offering price per share  | \$     |
| Pro forma net tangible book value per share as of October 31, 2017                                 | \$1.24 |
| Increase per share attributable to this offering   |        |
| Pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share as of October 31, 2017 after this offering |        |
| Dilution per share to new investors participating in this offering                                 | \$     |

The above table is based on 41,206,538 shares of common stock outstanding as of October 31, 2017 and excludes, as of that date:

3,092,395 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding warrants at a weighted average exercise price of \$5.00 per share;

1,363,119 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon settlement of restricted stock units;

3,893,558 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding stock options at a weighted average exercise price of \$12.51 per share;

710,853 shares of our common stock reserved for future awards under our 2015 Incentive Plan;

2,066,147 shares of our common stock reserved after October 31, 2017 for future awards under our 2015 Incentive Plan; and

881,629 shares of our common stock issued after October 31, 2017 under our Controlled Equity Offering sales agreement with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.

If the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares of our common stock, the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value after this offering would be \$            per share, representing an increase in net tangible book value of \$            per share to existing stockholders and immediate dilution in net tangible book value of \$            per share to purchasers in this offering.

To the extent that any options or warrants are exercised, new options are issued under our equity incentive plans or we otherwise issue additional shares of common stock in the future at a price less than the public offering price, there will be further dilution to new investors.

## MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES TO NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following is a summary of the material United States federal income tax consequences relating to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our common stock as of the date hereof. Except where noted, this summary deals only with our common stock that is held as a capital asset (within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) by a “non-U.S. holder” (as defined below).

For purposes of this summary, a “non-U.S. holder” means a beneficial owner of our common stock (other than a partnership or any other entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) that is not for United States federal income tax purposes any of the following:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or any other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust if it (1) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (2) has a valid election in effect under applicable United States Treasury regulations (Treasury Regulations) to be treated as a United States person.

This summary is based upon provisions of the Code and Treasury Regulations, administrative rulings and judicial decisions currently in effect, all as of the date hereof and all subject to change at any time, possibly with retroactive effect, or to different interpretation by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This summary does not address all aspects of United States federal income taxes and does not address any foreign, state, local, estate or other tax considerations that may be relevant to non-U.S. holders in light of their personal circumstances. In addition, this summary does not represent a detailed description of the United States federal income tax consequences applicable to non-U.S. holders that are subject to special treatment under the United States federal income tax laws (including a non-U.S. holder that is a United States expatriate, “controlled foreign corporation,” “passive foreign investment company,” “real estate investment trust,” “regulated investment company,” dealer in securities or currencies, financial institution, tax exempt entity, insurance company, person holding our common stock as part of a hedging, integrated, conversion or constructive sale transaction or a straddle, trader in securities that elects to use a mark to market method of accounting, person liable for the alternative minimum tax, person who acquired our common stock as compensation for services, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax or federal Medicare contribution tax on net investment income, or a partnership or other pass through entity, or partner in a partnership or beneficial owner of a pass through entity that holds our common stock for United States federal income tax purposes). We cannot provide assurance that a change in law will not alter significantly the tax considerations that we describe in this summary.

If a partnership (or other entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Non-U.S. holders that are partners of a partnership holding our common stock should consult their tax advisors.

Non-U.S. holders considering the purchase of our common stock should consult their own tax advisors concerning the particular United States federal income and estate tax consequences of the ownership of our common stock, as well as the consequences arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

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### **Distribution on our common stock**

As discussed under “Risk Factors” above, we do not currently expect to make distributions on our common stock. In the event we do make distributions of cash or other property on our common stock, such distributions will be taxable as dividends to the extent paid out of current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles. Dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder of our common stock generally will be subject to United States federal withholding tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. However, dividends that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business by the non-U.S. holder within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, are attributable to a United States permanent establishment) are not subject to United States federal withholding tax, provided certain certification and disclosure requirements are satisfied. Instead, such dividends are subject to United States federal income tax on a net income basis in the same manner as if the non-U.S. holder were a “United States person” as defined in the Code. Any such effectively connected dividends received by a foreign corporation may, under certain circumstances, be subject to an additional “branch profits tax” at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

A non-U.S. holder who wishes to claim the benefit of an applicable treaty rate and avoid backup withholding, as discussed below, for dividends will be required (a) to complete IRS Form W 8BEN or W 8BEN E (or other applicable form) and certify under penalty of perjury that it is not a “United States person” as defined under the Code and is eligible for treaty benefits or (b) if the common stock is held through certain foreign intermediaries, to satisfy the relevant certification requirements of applicable Treasury Regulations. Special certification and other requirements apply to certain non-U.S. holders that are pass through entities rather than corporations or individuals.

A non-U.S. holder of eligible for a reduced rate of United States withholding tax pursuant to an income tax treaty may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS.

To the extent distributions on our common stock, if any, exceed our current and accumulated earnings and profits, they will first reduce the non-U.S. Holder’s adjusted basis in our common stock, but not below zero, and then will be treated as gain to the extent of any excess, and taxed in the same manner as gain realized from a sale or other disposition of common stock as described in the next section.

### **Gain on disposition of our common stock**

Any gain realized on the disposition of our common stock by a non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax unless:



the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business of the non-U.S. holder in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment of the non-U.S. holder);

the non-U.S. holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of that disposition, and certain other conditions are met; or

we are or have been a “United States real property holding corporation” for United States federal income tax purposes at any time during the shorter of the five year period ending on the date of the disposition or such non-U.S. holder’s holding period for our common stock and such non-U.S. holder held (at any time during the shorter of the five year period ending on the date of the disposition or such non-U.S. holder’s holding period) more than 5% of our common stock.

An individual non-U.S. holder described in the first bullet point immediately above will be subject to tax on the net gain derived from the sale under regular graduated United States federal income tax rates. If a non-U.S. holder that is a foreign corporation falls under the first bullet point immediately above, it will be subject to tax on its net gain in the same manner as if it were a “United States person” as defined in the Code and, in addition, may under certain circumstances be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% of its effectively connected earnings and profits or at such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

We believe we have not been and are not currently a “United States real property holding corporation” for United States federal income tax purposes; however, no assurance can be given that we are not or will not become one in the future. If, however, we are or become a “United States real property holding corporation,” so long as our common stock continues to be regularly traded on an established securities market, only a non-U.S. holder who holds, or held (at any time during the shorter of the five year period ending on the date of disposition or the non-U.S. holder’s holding period) more than 5% of our common stock will be subject to United States federal income tax on the disposition of the common stock. Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors about the consequences that could result if we are, or become, a “United States real property holding corporation.”

### **Information reporting and backup withholding**

Information returns are required to be filed with the IRS reporting the amount of dividends paid to each non-U.S. holder tax withheld with respect to such dividends, regardless of whether withholding was required. Copies of the information returns reporting such dividends and withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty.

A non-U.S. holder will be subject to backup withholding with respect to dividends paid to it unless it certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a non-U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that it is a “United States person” as defined in the Code), or it otherwise establishes an exemption.

Information reporting and, depending on the circumstances, backup withholding will apply to the proceeds of a sale of our common stock within the United States or conducted through certain United States related financial intermediaries, unless the non-U.S. holder certifies under penalty of perjury that it is not a “United States person” as defined in the Code (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the beneficial owner is a “United States person” as defined in the Code), or it otherwise establishes an exemption.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against a non-U.S. holder’s United States federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

### **FATCA withholding requirements**

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and related U.S. Treasury guidance (commonly referred to as FATCA) impose a U.S. federal withholding tax of 30% on certain payments, including dividends paid on and the gross proceeds of a disposition of our common stock paid to a foreign financial institution (as specifically defined by applicable rules) unless such institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. government to withhold on certain payments and to collect and provide to the U.S. tax authorities substantial information regarding U.S. account holders of such institution (which includes certain equity holders of such institution, as well as certain account holders that are foreign entities with U.S. owners). FATCA also generally imposes a federal withholding tax of 30% on certain payments, including dividends paid on and the gross proceeds of a disposition of our common stock to a non-financial foreign entity unless such entity provides the withholding agent with either a certification that it does not have any substantial direct or indirect U.S. owners or provides information regarding substantial direct and indirect U.S. owners of the entity. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country may modify those requirements. The withholding tax described above will not apply if the foreign financial institution or

non-financial foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from the rules. Holders are encouraged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA on their investment in our common stock.

The withholding provisions described above currently apply to payments of dividends, and will apply to payments of gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of common stock occurring on or after January 1, 2019. Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the impact of FATCA on their ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock and the potential applicability of any intergovernmental agreements.

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UNDERWRITING

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, dated           , 2018, among us and Jefferies LLC and Guggenheim Securities, LLC, as the representatives of the underwriters named below and the joint book-running managers of this offering, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from us, the respective number of shares of common stock shown opposite its name below:

| UNDERWRITER                | <b>NUMBER<br/>OF<br/>SHARES</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jefferies LLC              |                                 |
| Guggenheim Securities, LLC |                                 |
| Total                      |                                 |

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters are subject to certain conditions precedent such as the receipt by the underwriters of officers' certificates and legal opinions and approval of certain legal matters by their counsel. The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters will purchase all of the shares of common stock if any of them are purchased. If an underwriter defaults, the underwriting agreement provides that the purchase commitments of the nondefaulting underwriters may be increased or the underwriting agreement may be terminated. We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters and certain of their controlling persons against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriters have advised us that, following the completion of this offering, they currently intend to make a market in the common stock as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. However, the underwriters are not obligated to do so, and the underwriters may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without notice in their sole discretion. Accordingly, no assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the common stock, that you will be able to sell any of the common stock held by you at a particular time or that the prices that you receive when you sell will be favorable.

The underwriters are offering the shares of common stock subject to their acceptance of the shares of common stock from us and subject to prior sale. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part. In addition, the underwriters have advised us that they do not intend to confirm sales to any account over which they exercise discretionary authority.

## **Commission and Expenses**

The underwriters have advised us that they propose to offer the shares of common stock to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to certain dealers, which may include the underwriters, at that price less a concession not in excess of \$     per share of common stock. The underwriters may allow, and certain dealers may reallow, a discount from the concession not in excess of \$ per share of common stock to certain brokers and dealers. After the offering, the public offering price, concession and reallowance to dealers may be reduced by the representatives. No such reduction will change the amount of proceeds to be received by us as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement.

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The following table shows the public offering price, the underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay the underwriters and the proceeds, before expenses, to us in connection with this offering. Such amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares.

|   | <b>PER SHARE<br/>WITHOUT<br/>OPTION TO<br/>PURCHASE<br/>ADDITIONAL<br/>SHARES</b> | <b>WITH OPTION<br/>TO PURCHASE<br/>ADDITIONAL<br/>SHARES</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>WITHOUT<br/>OPTION TO<br/>PURCHASE<br/>ADDITIONAL<br/>SHARES</b> | <b>WITH OPTION<br/>TO PURCHASE<br/>ADDITIONAL<br/>SHARES</b> |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Public offering price                             | \$  | \$   | \$  | \$   |
| Underwriting discounts and commissions paid by us | \$  | \$   | \$  | \$   |
| Proceeds to us, before expenses                   | \$  | \$   | \$  | \$   |

We estimate expenses payable by us in connection with this offering, other than the underwriting discounts and commissions referred to above, will be approximately \$ .

### **Listing**

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the trading symbol "ADXS."

### **Stamp Taxes**

If you purchase shares of common stock offered in this prospectus supplement, you may be required to pay stamp taxes and other charges under the laws and practices of the country of purchase, in addition to the offering price listed on the cover page of this prospectus supplement.

### **Option to Purchase Additional Shares**

We have granted to the underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, to purchase, from time to time, in whole or in part, up to an aggregate of additional shares of our common stock from us at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, less underwriting discounts and commissions. If the underwriters exercise this option, each underwriter will be obligated, subject to specified conditions, to purchase a number of additional shares proportionate to that underwriter's initial purchase commitment as indicated in the table above.

### **No Sales of Similar Securities**

We and each of our executive officers and directors have agreed, subject to specified exceptions, not to directly or indirectly:

sell, offer, contract or grant any option to sell (including any short sale), pledge, transfer, establish an open "put equivalent position" within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(h) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;

otherwise dispose of any shares of common stock, options or warrants to acquire shares of common stock, or securities exchangeable or exercisable for or convertible into shares of common stock currently or hereafter owned either of record or beneficially; or

publicly announce an intention to do any of the foregoing for a period of 90 days after the date of this prospectus supplement without the prior written consent of Jefferies LLC and Guggenheim Securities, LLC.

These restrictions terminate after the close of trading of the common stock on and including the 90<sup>th</sup> day after the date of this prospectus supplement. However, subject to certain exceptions, in the event that either during the last 17 days of the 90-day restricted period, we issue an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to us occurs, or prior to the expiration of the 90-day restricted period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the 90-day restricted period, then in either case the expiration of the 90-day restricted period will be extended until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of the issuance of an earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or event, as applicable, unless Jefferies LLC and Guggenheim Securities, LLC waive, in writing, such an extension.

Jefferies LLC and Guggenheim Securities, LLC may, in their sole discretion, and at any time or from time to time before the termination of the 90-day period, release all or any portion of the securities subject to lock-up agreements. There are no existing agreements between the underwriters and any of our shareholders who will execute a lock-up agreement, providing consent to the sale of shares prior to the expiration of the lock-up period.

## **Stabilization**

The underwriters have advised us that, pursuant to Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, they may engage in short sale transactions, stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions or the imposition of penalty bids in connection with this offering. These activities may have the effect of stabilizing or maintaining the market price of the common stock at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Establishing short sales positions may involve either “covered” short sales or “naked” short sales.

“Covered” short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares of our common stock in this offering. The underwriters may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional shares of our common stock or purchasing shares of our common stock in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the option to purchase additional shares.

“Naked” short sales are sales in excess of the option to purchase additional shares of our common stock. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares of our common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering.

A stabilizing bid is a bid for the purchase of shares of common stock on behalf of the underwriters for the purpose of fixing or maintaining the price of the common stock. A syndicate covering transaction is the bid for or the purchase of shares of common stock on behalf of the underwriters to reduce a short position incurred by the underwriters in connection with the offering. Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriters’ purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock. As a result, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. A penalty bid is an arrangement permitting the underwriters to reclaim the selling concession otherwise accruing to a syndicate member in connection with the offering if the common stock originally sold by such syndicate member is purchased in a syndicate covering transaction and therefore has not been effectively placed by such syndicate member.



Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of our common stock. The underwriters are not obligated to engage in these activities and, if commenced, any of the activities may be discontinued at any time.

The underwriters may also engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market in accordance with Rule 103 of Regulation M during a period before the commencement of offers or sales of shares of our common stock in this offering and extending through the completion of distribution. A passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid of that security. However, if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, that bid must then be lowered when specified purchase limits are exceeded.

### **Electronic Distribution**

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in electronic format may be made available by e-mail, on the web sites or through online services maintained by one or more of the underwriters or their affiliates. In those cases, prospective investors may view offering terms online and may be allowed to place orders online. The underwriters may agree with us to allocate a specific number of shares of common stock for sale to online brokerage account holders. Any such allocation for online distributions will be made by the underwriters on the same basis as other allocations. Other than the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in electronic format, the information on the underwriters' web sites and any information contained in any other web site maintained by any of the underwriters is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, has not been approved and/or endorsed by us or the underwriters and should not be relied upon by investors.

## **Other Activities and Relationships**

The underwriters and certain of their affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The underwriters and certain of their affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various commercial and investment banking and financial advisory services for us and our affiliates, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and certain of their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments issued by us and our affiliates. If the underwriters or their respective affiliates have a lending relationship with us, they routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities or the securities of our affiliates, including potentially the common stock offered hereby. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the common stock offered hereby. The underwriters and certain of their respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

## **Disclaimers About Non-U.S. Jurisdictions**

### ***Notice to Prospective Investors in Australia:***

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is not a disclosure document for the purposes of Australia's Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) of Australia, or Corporations Act, has not been lodged with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission and is only directed to the categories of exempt persons set out below. Accordingly, if you receive this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in Australia:

(A) You confirm and warrant that you are either:

a “sophisticated investor” under section 708(8)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act;

a “sophisticated investor” under section 708(8)(c) or (d) of the Corporations Act and that you have provided an accountant’s certificate to the Company which complies with the requirements of section 708(8)(c)(i) or (ii) of the Corporations Act and related regulations before the offer has been made;

person associated with the Company under Section 708(12) of the Corporations Act; or

a “professional investor” within the meaning of section 708(11)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act.

To the extent that you are unable to confirm or warrant that you are an exempt sophisticated investor, associated person or professional investor under the Corporations Act any offer made to you under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is void and incapable of acceptance.

(B) You warrant and agree that you will not offer any of the securities issued to you pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for resale in Australia within 12 months of those securities being issued unless any such resale offer is exempt from the requirement to issue a disclosure document under section 708 of the Corporations Act.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in Canada:***

(A) Resale Restrictions

The distribution of the shares in Canada is being made only in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia on a private placement basis exempt from the requirement that we prepare and file a prospectus with the securities regulatory authorities in each province where trades of these securities are made. Any resale of the shares in Canada must be made under applicable securities laws which may vary depending on the relevant jurisdiction, and which may require resales to be made under available statutory exemptions or under a discretionary exemption granted by the applicable Canadian securities regulatory authority. Purchasers are advised to seek legal advice prior to any resale of the securities.

(B) Representations of Canadian Purchasers

By purchasing the shares in Canada and accepting delivery of a purchase confirmation, a purchaser is representing to us and the dealer from whom the purchase confirmation is received that:

the purchaser is entitled under applicable provincial securities laws to purchase the shares without the benefit of a prospectus qualified under those securities laws as it is an “accredited investor” as defined under National Instrument 45-106—*Prospectus Exemptions*,

the purchaser is a “permitted client” as defined in National Instrument 31-103—*Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*,

where required by law, the purchaser is purchasing as principal and not as agent, and

the purchaser has reviewed the text above under Resale Restrictions

(C) Conflicts of Interest

Canadian purchasers are hereby notified that Jefferies LLC and Guggenheim Securities, LLC are relying on the exemption set out in section 3A.3 or 3A.4, if applicable, of National Instrument 33-105—*Underwriting Conflicts* from having to provide certain conflict of interest disclosure in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

(D) Statutory Rights of Action

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if the offering memorandum (including any amendment thereto) such as this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The purchaser of these securities in Canada should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

(E) Enforcement of Legal Rights

All of our directors and officers as well as the experts named herein may be located outside of Canada and, as a result, it may not be possible for Canadian purchasers to effect service of process within Canada upon us or those persons. All or a substantial portion of our assets and the assets of those persons may be located outside of Canada and, as a result, it may not be possible to satisfy a judgment against us or those persons in Canada or to enforce a judgment obtained in Canadian courts against us or those persons outside of Canada.

(F) Taxation and Eligibility for Investment

Canadian purchasers of the shares should consult their own legal and tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the shares in their particular circumstances and about the eligibility of the shares for investment by the purchaser under relevant Canadian legislation.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Union Economic Area:***

Any distributor subject to MiFID II that is offering, selling or recommending the securities is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the securities and determining its own distribution channels for the purposes of the MiFID product governance rules under Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 (“Delegated Directive”). Neither the Issuers nor the underwriters make any representations or warranties as to a distributor's compliance with the Delegated Directive.

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), an offer to the public of any securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may not be made in that Relevant Member State except that an offer to the public in that Relevant Member State of any securities may be made at any time under the following exemptions under the Prospectus Directive, if they have been implemented in that Relevant Member State:

to any legal entity which is a “qualified investor” as defined in the Prospectus Directive;

to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the underwriters or the underwriters nominated by us for any such offer; or

in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of securities shall require us or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive and each person who initially acquires any common shares, or to whom any offer is made, will be deemed to have represented, warranted and agreed that it is a “qualified investor” within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an “offer of securities to the public” in relation to the securities in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe to the securities, as the same may be varied in that Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State and the expression “Prospectus Directive” means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression “2010 PD Amending Directive” means Directive 2010/73/EU.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong:***

No securities have been offered or sold, and no securities may be offered or sold, in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than to persons whose ordinary business is to buy or sell shares or debentures, whether as principal or agent; or to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (SFO) and any rules made under that Ordinance; or in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong (CO) or which do not constitute an offer or invitation to the public for the purpose of the CO or the SFO. No document, invitation or advertisement relating to the securities has been issued or may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to securities which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” as defined in the SFO and any rules made under that Ordinance.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been registered with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may not be issued, circulated or distributed in Hong Kong, and the securities may not be offered for subscription to members of the public in Hong Kong. Each person acquiring the securities will be required, and is deemed by the acquisition of the securities, to confirm that he is aware of the restriction on offers of the securities described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the relevant offering documents and that he is not acquiring, and has not been offered any securities in circumstances that contravene any such restrictions.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in Israel:***

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute a prospectus under the Israeli Securities Law, 5728-1968, or the Securities Law, and has not been filed with or approved by the Israel Securities Authority. In Israel, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer of the shares is directed only at, (i) a limited number of persons in accordance with the Israeli Securities Law and (ii) investors listed in the first addendum, or the Addendum, to the Israeli Securities Law, consisting primarily of joint investment in trust funds, provident funds, insurance companies, banks, portfolio managers, investment advisors, members of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, underwriters, venture capital funds, entities with equity in excess of NIS 50 million and “qualified individuals,” each as defined in the Addendum (as it may be amended from time to time), collectively referred to as qualified investors (in each case, purchasing for their own account or, where permitted under the Addendum, for the accounts of their clients who are investors listed in the Addendum). Qualified investors are required to submit written confirmation that they fall within the scope of the Addendum, are aware of the meaning of same and agree to it.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan:***

The offering has not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948 of Japan, as amended), or FIEL, and the Initial Purchaser will not offer or sell any securities, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEL and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore:***

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been and will not be lodged or registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the shares may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the shares be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (SFA), (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275, of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.



Where the shares are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;

- (i) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (ii) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (iii) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (iv) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in Switzerland:***

The securities may not be publicly offered in Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX) or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issuance prospectuses under art. 652a or art. 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under art. 27 ff. of the SIX Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the securities or the offering may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Neither this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the offering, the Company or the securities have been or will be filed with or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. In particular, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will not be filed with, and the offer of securities will not be supervised by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA, and the offer of securities has not been and will not be authorized under the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes (CISA). The investor protection afforded to acquirers of interests in collective investment schemes under the CISA does not extend to acquirers of securities.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom:***

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are only being distributed to, and are only directed at, persons in the United Kingdom that are qualified investors within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive that are also (i) investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (Order) and/or (ii) high net worth entities falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated (each such person being referred to as a “relevant person”).

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the contents of such documents are confidential and should not be distributed, published or reproduced (in whole or in part) or disclosed by recipients to any other persons in the United Kingdom. Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any of the contents of such documents.

## LEGAL MATTERS

Alston & Bird LLP, New York, New York, has passed upon certain legal matters regarding the shares offered by this prospectus supplement. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by Cooley LLP, New York, New York.

## EXPERTS

The financial statements of Advaxis, Inc. as of and for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2017 and 2016 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of Marcum LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements, and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any documents we have filed with the SEC at its Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. We also file these documents with the SEC electronically. You can access the electronic versions of these filings on the SEC's Internet website found at <http://www.sec.gov>. You can also obtain copies of materials we file with the SEC, free of charge, from our Internet website found at [www.advaxis.com](http://www.advaxis.com). Information contained on our website does not constitute part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Our stock is quoted on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "ADXS."

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we file with them which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents instead of having to repeat the information in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act between the date of this prospectus supplement and the termination of the offering (other than, unless otherwise specifically indicated, current reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits filed on such form that are related to such items):

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2017 filed with the SEC on December 21, 2017;

the portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on February 6, 2018 that are incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2017; and

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 20, 2017, February 15, 2018 and February 21, 2018.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus supplement and the related prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of the information that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the related prospectus, but not delivered with this prospectus supplement and the related prospectus. We will provide this information upon written or oral request at no cost to the requester. You may request this information by contacting our corporate headquarters at the following address: 305 College Road East, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, Attn: Sara Bonstein, or by calling (609) 452-9813.

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**PROSPECTUS**

**\$250,000,000**

**Advaxis, Inc.**

**Common Stock**

We may offer and sell an indeterminate number of shares of our common stock from time to time under this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

We may offer our common stock in one or more offerings in amounts, at prices, and on terms determined at the time of the offering. We may sell our common stock through agents we select or through underwriters and dealers we select. If we use agents, underwriters or dealers, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

This prospectus provides a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide specific terms of the securities offered in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in any securities. This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless accompanied by the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "ADX.S." On February 8, 2017, the per share closing price of our common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market was \$8.98 per share.

**Investing in our securities involves certain risks. See “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2016, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should read the entire prospectus carefully before you make your investment decision.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is March 20, 2017

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## ADVAXIS, INC.

We are a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of proprietary *Lm*-LLO cancer immunotherapies. These immunotherapies are based on a platform technology that utilizes live attenuated *Listeria monocytogenes* (“*Lm*” or “*Listeria*” or “*Lm* Technology”) bioengineered to secrete antigen/adjuvant fusion proteins. These *Lm*-LLO strains are believed to be a significant advancement in immunotherapy as they integrate multiple functions into a single immunotherapy as they access and direct antigen presenting cells to stimulate anti-tumor T-cell immunity, stimulate and activate the immune system with the equivalent of multiple adjuvants, and simultaneously reduce tumor protection in the tumor microenvironment to enable the T-cells to eliminate tumors.

Our principal executive offices are located at 305 College Road East, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540, and our telephone number is (609) 452-9813. We maintain a website on the Internet at [www.advaxis.com](http://www.advaxis.com). Our Internet website, and the information contained on it, are not to be considered part of this prospectus.

## THE OFFERING

Use of Proceeds      We intend to use the net proceeds of any offering as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

NASDAQ  
Symbol                      ADXS



## **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, on an annual basis using Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K. You may read and copy any such reports and amendments thereto at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for information on the Public Reference Room. Additionally, the SEC maintains a website that contains annual, quarterly, and current reports, proxy statements, and other information that issuers (including us) file electronically with the SEC. The SEC's website address is <http://www.sec.gov>. You can also obtain copies of materials we file with the SEC from our Internet website found at [www.advaxis.com](http://www.advaxis.com). Our stock is quoted on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "ADXS."

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a "shelf" registration statement that we filed with the SEC. By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell our securities, as described in this prospectus, from time to time in one or more offerings. We may use the shelf registration statement to offer and sell securities described in this prospectus. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the terms of such offering. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and any supplement, together with the additional information incorporated into this prospectus or described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We will not make an offer to sell securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, as well as information we previously filed with the SEC and have incorporated by reference, is accurate as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus only, or when such document was filed with the SEC. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since the relevant date.

We will not use this prospectus to offer and sell securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement that more fully describes the terms of the offering.

## **INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to “incorporate by reference” into this prospectus the information we file with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents without restating that information in this document. The information incorporated by reference into this prospectus is considered to be part of this prospectus, and information we file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, (1) after the date of the initial registration statement, as amended, and prior to effectiveness of the registration statement, and (2) after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of this offering, will automatically update and supersede the information contained in this prospectus and documents listed below. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed below, except to the extent information in those documents differs from information contained in this prospectus, and any future filings made by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, including exhibits (however, unless specifically indicated, we do not incorporate by reference, whether listed below or filed in the future, current reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or related exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K):

- (a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2016 filed on January 9, 2017;
- (b) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended January 31, 2017, filed on March, 10, 2017;
- (c) The portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2017 that are incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2016;
- (d) Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 15, 2016 and January 9, 2017; and

- The description of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on October 15, 2013 and under the caption “Description of Securities” in the
- (e) Registrant’s prospectus, dated as of October 15, 2013, forming a part of the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-188637) filed with the Commission, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of the information that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We will provide this information upon written or oral request at no cost to the requester. You may request this information by contacting our corporate headquarters at the following address: 305 College Road East, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, Attn: Sara Bonstein, or by calling (609) 452-9813.

## **DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK**

The following summary of the terms of our common stock may not be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the terms and provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws. You should refer to, and read this summary together with, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws to review all of the terms of our common stock that may be important to you.

### **Common Stock**

Under our certificate of incorporation, we are authorized to issue a total of 65,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of “blank check” preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share. As of February 6, 2017, we had issued and outstanding 40,122,043 shares of our common stock. There were approximately 101 holders of record. All outstanding shares of our common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “ADXS.”

### **Dividends**

Subject to the dividend rights of the holders of any outstanding series of preferred stock, holders of our common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends and other distributions of cash or any other right or property as may be declared by our board of directors out of our assets or funds legally available for such dividends or distributions.

### **Voting Rights**

The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on each matter submitted to a vote of stockholders. Holders of our common stock do not have a cumulative voting right, which means that the holders of more than one-half of the outstanding shares of common stock, subject to the rights of the holders of the preferred stock, if any, can elect all of our directors, if they choose to do so. In this event, the holders of the remaining shares of common stock would not be able to elect any directors. Except as otherwise required by Delaware law, and subject to the rights of the holders of preferred stock, if any, all stockholder action is taken by the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock voting as a single class present at a meeting of stockholders at which a quorum consisting of one-third of the outstanding shares of common stock is present in person or proxy.

## **Liquidation and Dissolution**

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, holders of common stock would be entitled to share ratably in our assets that are legally available for distribution to stockholders after payment of liabilities. If we have any preferred stock outstanding at such time, holders of the preferred stock may be entitled to distributions and/or liquidation preferences. In either such case, we must pay the applicable distribution to the holders of our preferred stock (if any) before we may pay distributions to the holders of common stock.

## **Other**

Certain of our outstanding shares of common stock, shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our convertible notes and shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants are subject to demand or piggyback registration rights.

## Anti-Takeover Provisions

### *Delaware Law*

We are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. This provision generally prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years following the date the stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

prior to such date, the board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding those shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers and by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or

on or subsequent to such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual meeting or special meeting of stockholders and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66-2/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Section 203 defines a business combination to include:

any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;

any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation involving the interested stockholder;

subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder;

any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock of any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or

the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 defines an “interested stockholder” as any entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of a corporation, or an affiliate or associate of the corporation and was the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of a corporation at any time within three years prior to the time of determination of interested stockholder status; and any entity or person affiliated with or controlling or controlled by such entity or person.

These statutory provisions could delay or frustrate the removal of incumbent directors or a change in control of our company. They could also discourage, impede, or prevent a merger, tender offer, or proxy contest, even if such event would be favorable to the interests of stockholders.

### *Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaw Provisions*

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could have the effect of discouraging potential acquisition proposals or making a tender offer or delaying or preventing a change in control, including changes a stockholder might consider favorable. In particular, the certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as applicable, among other things:

provide our board of directors with the ability to alter its bylaws without stockholder approval; and

provide that vacancies on our board of directors may be filled by a majority of directors in office, although less than a quorum.

Such provisions may have the effect of discouraging a third-party from acquiring us, even if doing so would be beneficial to our stockholders. These provisions are intended to enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in the composition of our board of directors and in the policies formulated by them, and to discourage some types of transactions that may involve an actual or threatened change in control of our company. These provisions are designed to reduce our vulnerability to an unsolicited acquisition proposal and to discourage some tactics that may be used in proxy fights. We believe that the benefits of increased protection of our potential ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure our company outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging such proposals because, among other things, negotiation of such proposals could result in an improvement of their terms. However, these provisions could have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers for our shares that could result from actual or rumored takeover attempts. These provisions also may have the effect of preventing changes in our management.

### **Transfer Agent**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Continental Stock Transfer and Trust Company, 17 Battery Place, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10004.



## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities covered in this prospectus in any of the following ways (or in any combination):

through underwriters or dealers;

in short or long transactions;

directly to a limited number of purchasers or to a single purchaser;

through agents, including via an at-the-market program; or

through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

Each time that we use this prospectus to sell securities, we will also provide a prospectus supplement that contains the specific terms of the offering. The prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the offering of the securities, including:

the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and the amounts of any securities underwritten or purchased by each of them; and

the public offering price of the common stock and the proceeds to us and any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers.

Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

If underwriters are used in the sale of any securities, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The securities may be either offered to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters, or directly by underwriters. Generally, the underwriters' obligations to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities if they purchase any of securities.

We may sell the securities through agents from time to time. The prospectus supplement will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities and any commissions we pay to them. Generally, any agent will be acting on a best



efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We may authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers by certain purchasers to purchase the securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement, and the prospectus supplement will set forth any commissions we pay for solicitation of these contracts.

Agents and underwriters may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to contribution with respect to payments which the agents or underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof. Agents and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

We may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of securities, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of securities. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment).

Upon written instruction from us, a sales agent party to a distribution agency agreement with us will use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell on our behalf, as our agent, the shares of common stock offered as agreed upon by us and the sales agent. We will designate the maximum amount of shares of common stock to be sold through the sales agent, on a daily basis or otherwise as we and the sales agent agree. Subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable distribution agency agreement, the sales agent will use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell, as our sales agent and on our behalf, all of the designated shares of common stock. We may instruct the sales agent not to sell shares of common stock if the sales cannot be effected at or above the price designated by us in any such instruction. We may suspend the offering of shares of common stock under any distribution agency agreement by notifying the sales agent. Likewise, the sales agent may suspend the offering of shares of common stock under the applicable distribution agency agreement by notifying us of such suspension.

We also may sell shares to the sales agent as principal for its own account at a price agreed upon at the time of sale. If we sell shares to the sales agent as principal, we will enter into a separate agreement setting forth the terms of such transaction.

The name of any such underwriter or agent involved in the offer and sale of our common stock, the amounts underwritten, and the nature of its obligations to take our common stock will be described in the applicable prospectus

supplement.

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## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The legality and validity of the securities offered from time to time under this prospectus will be passed upon by Alston & Bird LLP, New York, New York. Any underwriters will also be advised about the validity of the securities and other legal matters by their own counsel, which will be named in the prospectus supplement.

## **EXPERTS**

The financial statements of Advaxis, Inc. as of October 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the years ended as of October 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the report of Marcum LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

**Shares**

**Common Stock**

**Prospectus Supplement**

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**Jefferies**

**Guggenheim Securities**

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