

NATIONAL PROPERTY INVESTORS III  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 APARTMENT INVESTMENT & MANAGEMENT CO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NATIONAL PROPERTY INVESTORS III [NONE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4582 SOUTH ULSTER STREET  
 PARKWAY, SUITE 1100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2003

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 DENVER, CO 80237

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Limited Partnership Units	12/31/2003		P	573 (1) A	\$ 153.85 36,230 (2)	I	See Footnote (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
APARTMENT INVESTMENT & MANAGEMENT CO 4582 SOUTH ULSTER STREET PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DENVER, CO 80237		X		
AIMCO PROPERTIES LP 4582 SOUTH ULSTER STREET PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DENVER, CO 80237		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Derek McCandless Assistant Secretary Apartment Investment and Management Company 10/22/2004

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Derek McCandless, Assistant Secretary, AIMCO Properties, L.P. 10/22/2004

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These Limited Partnership Units ("Units") were purchased directly by AIMCO Properties, L.P. ("AIMCO Properties").

This amount consists of: (1) 14,664 Units owned directly by AIMCO Properties. AIMCO Properties is a joint filer with Apartment Investment and Management Company ("AIMCO") for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act. The sole general partner of (2) AIMCO Properties is AIMCO-GP, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of AIMCO; and (2) 21,566 Units owned directly by AIMCO IPLP, L.P. ("IPLP"). The sole general partner of IPLP is AIMCO/IPT, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of AIMCO.

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