

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
August 20, 2007

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 20, 2007

### BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-10275**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**75-1914582**  
(IRS Employment  
Identification No.)

**6820 LBJ Freeway**

**Dallas, Texas 75240**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 972-980-9917

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

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).
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**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On August 20, 2007, Brinker International, Inc. announced that, effective immediately, Jean Birch has stepped down as Senior Vice President and President of Romano's Macaroni Grill ( Macaroni Grill ). John Reale, 53, formerly Chief Operating Officer for Macaroni Grill, will immediately assume the position of Interim President of Macaroni Grill, in addition to his other duties. Mr. Reale has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Global Business Development since June 2007, having previously served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Macaroni Grill from January 2005 to June 2007, and Regional Vice President for Macaroni Grill from February 2004 to January 2005. Previously, Mr. Reale was with Carlson Restaurants Worldwide from March 1995 until February 2004, most recently serving as Vice President of International Business. Mr. Reale was with Ground Round, Inc. from 1975 through 1995.

SIGNATURE

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

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: August 20, 2007

By: /s/ Douglas H. Brooks  
Douglas H. Brooks, Chairman of the Board  
President and Chief Executive Officer