

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): May 4, 2012

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).
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management.

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

On May 4, 2012, David Deno resigned from the Registrant's Board of Directors. Mr. Deno was appointed as Chief Financial Officer of OSI Restaurant Partners, LLC.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99(a) Press Release dated May 4, 2012.

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: May 4, 2012	By:	/s/ Douglas H. Brooks
		Douglas H. Brooks, Chairman of the Board
		President and Chief Executive Officer

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**BRINKER INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE OF
BOARD MEMBER DAVID DENO**

DALLAS (May 4, 2012) - Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT), announces the resignation of David Deno from its board of directors following his appointment as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of OSI Restaurant Partners, LLC (OSI).

Deno was named to the Brinker board in April 2011. In addition to the board at large, he served on the audit committee during his tenure.

"Even during his short span of time on the Brinker board of directors, David Deno had an impact on our business," said Doug Brooks, President, CEO and Chairman of the Board for Brinker International. "Both Brinker and David mutually benefited from our time together."

About Brinker International

Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT), is one of the world's leading casual dining restaurant companies, serving more than one million guests daily. Founded in 1975 and based in Dallas, Texas, Brinker owns or franchises more than 1,500 restaurants in 32 countries and two territories, and employs more than 100,000. Brinker's wholly-owned restaurant brands include Chili's® Grill & Bar and Maggiano's Little Italy®. Brinker also holds a minority investment in Romano's Macaroni Grill®. For more information, visit www.brinker.com.

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