

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): November 27, 2006

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

1-10275
(Commission File
Number)

74-1914582
(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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- 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

(b) Greg L. Walther was named to fill the position of Senior Vice President and Global Business Development President, effective November 27, 2006. Mr. Walther, 52, previously served as Chief Administrative Officer since January 2006, and Chief Financial Officer from April 1995 to December 2005 for Outback Steakhouse International, L.P.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99 Press Release, dated November 29, 2006.

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: November 29, 2006

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



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Brinker International Names Greg Walther
President of Global Business Development**

DALLAS, Nov 29, 2006 — Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT), a recognized leader in casual dining, has named Greg Walther Senior Vice President and President of Global Business Development, effective Nov. 27, 2006.

In his new role, Walther will be responsible for the growth, development and management of equity and franchise relationships for all Brinker restaurants outside the United States.

“Greg comes to Brinker with an accomplished record of growing international business, specifically in the restaurant industry,” said Chuck Sonstebly, Chief Financial Officer of Brinker International. “His wealth of financial expertise and overall international experience will play a pivotal role in our continued efforts to extend our brands worldwide.”

Walther is one of the founding partners of Outback Steakhouse International L.P., which is a joint venture with Outback Steakhouse Inc. of the continental United States. Over the past 11 years, Walther accelerated international growth for the company at an impressive pace, and significantly increased its business portfolio.

Walther was previously with the Hay Group and Ernst & Young, where he was also heavily involved in global business. He is a member of numerous professional organizations including the Financial Executives Network Group and the World Trade Center-Atlanta.

Walther received a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting, graduating cum laude, from Wittenberg University.

Brinker International, Inc. is one of the world’s leading casual dining restaurant companies, serving more than 1 million guests daily. Founded in 1975 and based in Dallas, Brinker owns or franchises more than 1,600 restaurants in 24 countries and employs more than 100,000. Brinker restaurant brands include Chili’s Grill & Bar, Romano’s Macaroni Grill, On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina and Maggiano’s Little Italy. In 2006, the company was named one of FORTUNE Magazine’s Most Admired Companies and a FORTUNE Top 50 Employers for Women. In 2005, Brinker also was honored by the magazine as one of the Top 50 Employers for Minorities. For more information visit <http://www.brinker.com>.

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