
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): March 1, 2016

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**

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).
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Item 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

In the Press Release, Brinker International, Inc. announced that John Cywinski, 53, has been named as Executive Vice President of Strategic Innovation, effective March 7, 2016. Mr. Cywinski was previously with Yum! Brands, Inc. in several roles from August 2010 to April 2014, including as President, KFC U.S. from November 2011 to April 2014, General Manager, KFC U.S. from February 2009 to November 2011, and Chief Marketing and Food Innovation Officer, KFC U.S. from August 2010 to February 2011. Prior to his tenure with Yum! Brands, Inc., Mr. Cywinski has also held multiple leadership positions with Cywinski Enterprise LLC (a franchisee of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. and SONIC Drive-In), Applebee's International, Inc., McDonald's Corporation, The Walt Disney Company, Burger King Corporation, and KFC Corporation.

Item 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated March 1, 2016.

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: March 1, 2016

By: /s/ Wyman T. Roberts

Wyman T. Roberts, Chief Executive Officer and President
and President of Chili's Grill & Bar

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**BRINKER INTERNATIONAL NAMES JOHN CYWINSKI AS
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF STRATEGIC INNOVATION**

DALLAS, March 1, 2016 - Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT) today announced that John Cywinski has been named Executive Vice President of Strategic Innovation, effective March 7, 2016.

Cywinski brings a wide range of industry experience to Brinker, having held multiple leadership positions at Yum! Brands, Inc., Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar®, McDonald's Corporation, BURGER KING® and The Walt Disney Company. Most recently, he served as President of KFC U.S. where he was responsible for the brand vision, consumer strategy, operational excellence and innovation for over 4,500 restaurants. Prior to that, Cywinski owned and operated his own restaurants in Chicago as a franchisee for Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. and SONIC Drive-In.

"We are excited for John to join our team and his extensive industry experience will be instrumental in delivering a differentiated guest experience across our brands," said Wyman Roberts, CEO and President of Brinker International and President of Chili's Grill & Bar. "As we continue to pursue initiatives focused on an enhanced guest experience, John will lead the strategic thinking and innovation around aligning all guest touch points."

Brinker International, Inc. is one of the world's leading casual dining restaurant companies. Founded in 1975 and based in Dallas, Texas, as of Dec. 23, 2015, Brinker owned, operated or franchised 1,646 restaurants under the names Chili's® Grill & Bar (1,595 restaurants) and Maggiano's Little Italy® (51 restaurants).