

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): December 12, 2011

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)).

Item 8.01. Other Events

In a press release dated December 12, 2011, the Registrant announced that Ms. Carin Stutz, President of Global Business Development for the Company, had resigned her position.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated December 12, 2011.

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: December 12, 2011	By:	/s/ Douglas H. Brooks
		Douglas H. Brooks, Chairman of the Board
		President and Chief Executive Officer

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**BRINKER INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE STEPS DOWN TO ACCEPT
CEO AND PRESIDENT ROLE AT COSI, INC**

DALLAS (December 12, 2011) - Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT) today announced Carin Stutz, President of Global Business Development, has resigned her position to step into the role of Chief Executive Officer and President of Cosi, Inc (NASDAQ: COSI).

"During her tenure with Brinker, Carin built upon her solid operations and franchising background as she rose through the leadership ranks for our Global Business Development team," said Doug Brooks, President and Chief Executive Officer of Brinker International. "Carin's expertise helped our global team build a strategic road map which we'll continue to follow to meet our aggressive international expansion goals."

"Her track record of successes prepared her well for this next step in her career journey, and we wish Carin all the best in her new role," continued Brooks.

About Brinker International

Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT), 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, Texas, Brinker owns or franchises more than 1,500 restaurants in 32 countries and two territories. Brinker restaurant brands include Chili's® Grill & Bar and Maggiano's Little Italy®. Brinker also holds a minority stake in Romano's Macaroni Grill®. For more information, visit www.brinker.com.