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): June 5, 2003 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

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1--Press release, dated June 5, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

In accordance with general instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this report is furnished under Item 9 shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liability of that section.

On June 5, 2003, the Company issued a press release regarding its planned transition for the duties of its chief executive officer.

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: June 6, 2003

By: <u>/s/ Roger F. Thomson</u> Roger F. Thomson, Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Exhibit 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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BRINKER INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES PLANNED MANAGEMENT TRANSITION

DALLAS (June 5, 2003) - The Board of Directors of Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT) announced today that Ron McDougall advised the Board that he has decided to relinquish his responsibilities as Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2004. In accordance with the Company's established succession plan, Ron will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board and Doug Brooks, currently President and Chief Operating Officer, will become CEO on that date and will also continue as President.

Marvin Girouard, Chairman and CEO of Pier 1 Imports, Inc., member of the Company's Board of Directors and Chairman of the Executive Session stated, on behalf of the Board: "Ron has been a tremendous leader of this company over the past 20 years, and his strategic vision has driven this company to its outstanding record of growth and industry leadership. He has been instrumental in assembling the Company's premier portfolio of casual dining concepts. The Board is grateful for Ron's continued commitment to the company in his role as Chairman, and we are equally confident Doug will continue to build on the foundation Ron has in place."

"Doug has been a great partner and friend over the 20 years that we have worked closely together," said Ron McDougall. "I have complete confidence in his ability to lead Brinker going forward."

"I appreciate the support and confidence the Board has shown in me, and I look forward to the opportunity to lead the Company forward," said Doug Brooks. "We have an outstanding leadership team in place at all levels of the Company, and I am confident that the Company will continue to produce outstanding results for its shareholders and guests."

Mr. Brooks joined the Company in 1978 as an assistant manager at Chili's, and became President and Chief Operating Officer in January 1999, after serving as the President of Chili's Grill and Bar. Mr. Brooks serves on the Board of Directors for Limbs for Life and is a member of the Professional Advisory Board for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Doug and his wife Holly have two sons, Taylor 21, and Kyle, 16.

Brinker International either owns, operates, franchises, or is involved in the ownership of 1,389 restaurants under the names Chili's Grill & Bar (890 units), Romano's Macaroni Grill (200 units), On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina (134 units), Maggiano's Little Italy (25 units), Cozymel's Coastal Grill (16 units), Corner BakeryCafe (86 units), Big Bowl Asian Kitchen (18 units), and Rockfish Seafood Grill (20 units).