# 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): February 5, 2015

# 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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

## **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

On February 5, 2015, Brinker International, Inc. announced the appointment of Elaine L. Boltz to its Board of Directors. As of this date, Ms. Boltz has not been assigned to any of the Committees of the Board of Directors.

#### Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release, dated February 5, 2015.

#### 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: February 9, 2015 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 ADDS ELAINE BOLTZ TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DALLAS (Feb. 5, 2015) - Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT), a recognized leader in casual dining, announces the election of Elaine L. Boltz to its Board of Directors.

Boltz currently serves as Senior Vice President, E-Commerce, for The TJX Companies, Inc., the leading off-price retailer of apparel and home fashions in the United States and worldwide, which operates retail brands such as T.J. Maxx and Marshalls. Prior to her role at TJX, Boltz worked with The Boston Consulting Group, ANN Inc., and Chico's FAS, Inc.

"Elaine's passion for direct and digital branding in the retail space as well as her extensive career working in multi-site retail and consumer service environments makes her a great addition to our Board of Directors," said Joe DePinto, Chairman of the Board of Brinker International.

"Elaine is highly attuned to the dynamics between guests and brands and is considered a thought leader in digital and retail," added Wyman Roberts, CEO and President of Brinker International and President of Chili's Grill & Bar. "We look forward to her guidance as we continue to move Brinker to the next level."

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. 24, 2014, Brinker owned, operated or franchised 1,634 restaurants under the names Chili's® Grill & Bar (1,585 restaurants) and Maggiano's Little Italy® (49 restaurants).

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