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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State of incorporation)

75-1914582  
(I.R.S. employer identification number)

6820 LBJ Freeway  
Dallas, Texas 75240  
214-980-9917  
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area  
code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Debra L. Smithart  
Executive Vice President  
Brinker International, Inc.  
6820 LBJ Freeway  
Dallas, Texas 75240  
214-980-9917  
(Name, address including zip code, and telephone number, including area  
code, of agent for service)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable upon the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to a dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  \_\_\_\_\_

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  \_\_\_\_\_

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities Being Registered	Amount Being Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1)	Amount of Registration Fee
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Common Stock, \$0.10 par value	322,580 shares	\$15.25	\$4,919,345	\$1,697.00
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- (1) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to the provisions of Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933 based on the average of the high and low prices for the Common Stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on July 1, 1996.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION DATED JULY 3, 1996

322,580 Shares

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

COMMON STOCK

The 322,580 shares (the "Shares") of Common Stock of Brinker International, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Brinker" or the "Company"), offered hereby are being sold by the Selling Stockholders. See "Selling Stockholders." The Company will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the Shares offered hereby.

The Shares may be offered by the Selling Stockholders from time to time in open market transactions (which may include block transactions) or otherwise on the New York Stock Exchange, or in private transactions (including transactions involving a pledge of the Shares) at prices relating to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The Selling Stockholders may effect such transactions by selling the Shares to or through broker-dealers, and such broker-dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the Selling Stockholders and/or purchasers of the Shares for whom such broker-dealers may act as agent or to whom they sell as principal or both (which compensation as to a particular broker-dealer might be in excess of customary commissions). The Selling Stockholders and any broker-dealer acting in connection with the sale of the Shares offered hereby may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), in which event any discounts, concessions or commissions received by them, which are not expected to exceed those customary in the types of transactions involved, or any profit on resales of the Shares by them, may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Act. The offering contemplated hereby will terminate as to the Shares upon the later to occur of the sale of all of the Shares or July 3, 1999. See "Selling Stockholders."

The costs, expenses and fees incurred in connection with the registration of the Shares, which are estimated to be \$11,700 (excluding selling commissions and brokerage fees incurred by the Selling Stockholders), will be paid by the Company.

The last reported sale price of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on July 1, 1996 was \$15.25 per share.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY  
THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE  
SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION OR  
ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED  
UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS  
PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION  
TO THE CONTRARY IS A  
CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this Prospectus is July 3, 1996.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934 Act") and in accordance therewith files reports and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Reports, proxy statements and other information concerning the Company can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the Commission at its offices at Room 1024, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, and at the Commission's Regional Offices at Northwestern Atrium Center, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661 and 75 Park Place, New York, New York 10007. Copies of such material can be obtained from the Public Reference Section of the Commission at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 at prescribed rates. In addition, such material can be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission are incorporated in this Prospectus by reference:

1. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 28, 1995;
2. The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended September 27, 1995, December 27, 1995, and March 27, 1996; and
3. The Company's Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on November 3, 1995 and January 31, 1996.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act prior to the termination of the offering of the shares of Common Stock hereunder shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and shall be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statements contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or replaced for purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or replaces such statement. Any such statement so modified or replaced shall not be deemed, except as so modified or replaced, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

The Company will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a Prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of such person, a copy of the documents incorporated by reference herein, other than exhibits to such documents not specifically incorporated by reference. Such requests should be directed to Brinker International, Inc., 6820 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240, Attention: Investor Relations (telephone (214) 980-9917).

#### THE COMPANY

Brinker is principally engaged in the operation and development of the Chili's Grill & Bar ("Chili's"), Romano's Macaroni Grill ("Macaroni Grill"), On The Border Cafes ("On the Border"), Cozymel's Coastal Mexican Grill ("Cozymel's"), Maggiano's Little Italy ("Maggiano's") and Corner Bakery restaurants. Brinker was organized under the laws of the State of Delaware in September 1983 to succeed to the business operated by Chili's, Inc., a Texas corporation, organized in August 1977. Brinker completed the acquisitions of Macaroni Grill, On The Border, Cozymel's, Maggiano's and Corner Bakery in November 1989, May 1994, July 1995, August 1995 and August 1995, respectively.

#### Restaurants

Chili's. Chili's establishments are full-service, Southwestern theme restaurants, featuring a casual atmosphere and a limited menu of freshly prepared chicken, beef and seafood entrees, hamburgers, ribs, fajitas, sandwiches, salads, appetizers and desserts, all of which are prepared fresh daily according to special Chili's recipes. Service personnel are dressed casually in jeans or slacks, knit shirts and aprons to reinforce the casual, informal environment. The decor of a Chili's restaurant consists of booth seating, tile-top tables, hanging plants and wood and brick walls covered with interesting memorabilia.

Macaroni Grill. Macaroni Grill is an upscale Italian theme restaurant which specializes in family-style recipes and features seafood, meat, chicken and pasta entrees, salads, pizza, appetizers and desserts with a full-service bar in most restaurants. Exhibition cooking, wood-burning pizza ovens and rotisseries provide an enthusiastic and exciting environment in the restaurants. Macaroni Grill restaurants feature white linen-clothed tables,

fireplaces, sous stations and prominent displays of wines. Service personnel are dressed in white, starched shirts and aprons, dark slacks and bright ties.

On The Border. On The Border restaurants are full-service, casual Tex-Mex theme restaurants featuring Southwest mesquite-grilled specialties and traditional Tex-Mex entrees and appetizers served in generous portions at modest prices. On The Border restaurants feature an outdoor patio, a full-service bar, booth and table seating and brick and wood walls with a Southwest decor. On The Border restaurants also offer enthusiastic table service intended to minimize customer waiting time and facilitate table turnover while simultaneously providing customers with a satisfying casual dining experience.

Cozymel's. Cozymel's restaurants are casual, upscale authentic Yucatan restaurants featuring large portions of fish, chicken, beef and pork entrees, appetizers, desserts and a full service bar featuring a wide variety of specialty frozen beverages. Cozymel's restaurants offer an authentic "Yucatan vacation" atmosphere, which includes an outdoor patio. Service personnel are dressed in colorful vests and bow ties.

Maggiano's. Maggiano's restaurants are designed as classic re-creations of a New York City pre-war "Little Italy" dinner house. The existing restaurants are located in the Chicago metropolitan area. Each of the Maggiano's restaurants is a casual, full-service, Italian restaurant with a full lunch and dinner menu as well as a family-style menu, offering southern Italian appetizers; homemade breads; large portions of pasta, chicken, seafood, veal and steaks; and a full range of alcoholic beverages. The Maggiano's restaurants feature a casual atmosphere with black and white tile floors and a bakery.

Corner Bakery. The Corner Bakeries are designed as a retail bakery in the traditional, old world bread bakery style. The Corner Bakeries offer homemade hearth-cooked loaves, rolls, muffins, cookies and specialty items made fresh daily, including, muffins, brownies and cookies. The breads offered by the Corner Bakeries include baguettes, country loaves and specialty breads such as raisin-nut, olive, chocolate-cherry, multi-grains and ryes. In addition, the Corner Bakeries also offer pizza, focaccia, sandwiches, soups and salads. The existing Corner Bakeries are located in the Chicago metropolitan area.

The Company's principal offices are located at 6820 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240, and its telephone number is (214) 980-9917.

#### Restaurant Locations

On June 26, 1996, Brinker's system of company-operated and franchised units included 613 restaurants located in 46 states, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, France, Australia, Egypt, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Great Britain. The Company's portfolio of restaurants is illustrated below:

	June 26, 1996
Chili's:	
Company-Operated	352
Franchise	136
Macaroni Grill:	
Company-Operated	69
Franchise	2
On The Border:	
Company-Operated	24
Franchise	4
Cozymel's	13
Maggiano's	3
Corner Bakery	9
Other	1
TOTAL:	613

#### SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

On June 3, 1996, the Company acquired (the "Acquisition") intellectual property rights relating to two restaurant concepts known as "Wildfire" and "Big Bowl" from Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc. ("LEYE") in exchange for the issuance of 322,580 shares of Common Stock to LEYE. LEYE subsequently transferred the Shares to the Selling Stockholders, each of whom is an employee of (a) LEYE or (b) an affiliate of LEYE. The Company is registering

the Shares of the Selling Stockholders pursuant to certain registration rights granted to LEYE in connection with the Acquisition. Each of the Selling Stockholders owned shares of the Company's Common Stock prior to this offering.

The offering of the Shares contemplated hereby may commence at any time subsequent to the effective date of this Prospectus and will terminate on July 3, 1999, or such earlier date as all of the Shares offered hereby have been sold.

The following table sets forth the name of each Selling Stockholder, the aggregate number of shares owned by each Selling Stockholder prior to this offering, the aggregate number of shares to be offered by each Selling Stockholder, the aggregate number of shares to be owned by each Selling Stockholder after the sale of all Shares in this offering and the percentage of the Company's outstanding Common Stock that will be owned by such Selling Stockholder thereafter, in each case assuming the offering of and sale of all Shares in this offering. Each Selling Shareholder has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by him.

Selling Stockholder	Shares Owned Prior to the Offering	Shares Offered for the Selling Stockholder's Account (1)	Shares to be Owned After the Offering	Percentage Owned After the Offering
Manfred J. Joast, as Trustee of the Manfred J. Joast Revocable Trust U/A/D December 18, 1987	215,729	26,609	189,120	(2)
Robert Wattel, as Trustee of the Robert Wattel Revocable Trust U/A/D February 5, 1987 as amended	232,829	26,609	206,220	(2)
Charles L. Haskell	280,779	26,609	254,170	(2)
Stephen K. Ottmann, as Trustee of the Stephen K. Ottmann Revocable Trust U/A/D May 18, 1990	12,349	6,452	5,897	(2)
Richard Melman, as Trustee of the Richard Melman Revocable Trust U/A/D July 16, 1982, as amended	1,299,468	226,623	1,072,845	1.4%
Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc.	61,496	6,452	55,044	(2)
Jay L. Stieber	2,113	1,613	500	(2)
Joseph E. Lanuti	94,608	1,613	92,995	(2)

(1) Assumes that all of the Shares are sold.

(2) Less than 1%.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 250,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.10 par value, and 1,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, \$1.00 par value. At June 26, 1996, there were 77,253,201 shares of Common Stock of the Company outstanding and no shares of Preferred Stock outstanding.

Common Stock. All outstanding shares of Common Stock are fully paid and nonassessable. All holders of Common Stock have full voting rights and are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders. Votes may not be cumulated in the election of directors. Stockholders have no preemptive or subscription rights. The Common Stock is neither redeemable nor convertible, and there are no sinking

fund provisions. Holders of Common Stock are entitled to dividends when and as declared by the Board of Directors from funds legally available therefor and are entitled, in the event of liquidation, to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities. The rights of holders of Common Stock will be subject to any preferential rights of any Preferred Stock which may be issued in the future.

Each outstanding share of Common Stock is accompanied by a "right." The rights are evidenced by the Common Stock certificates of the Company, automatically trade with the Common Stock, and will not be exercisable until generally, a person or group (an "Acquiring Person") has acquired or announced its intention to acquire fifteen percent or more of the Common Stock. Thereafter, separate rights certificates will be distributed and each right (other than rights beneficially owned by the Acquiring Person) will entitle, among other things, its holder to purchase, for an exercise price of \$60.00, a number of shares of the Company's Common Stock having a market value of \$120.00. The rights may be redeemed by the Board of Directors of the Company for \$.01 per right prior to the date of announcement that a person or group has become an Acquiring Person.

Preferred Stock. The Board of Directors of the Company is authorized to issue Preferred Stock in one or more series and to fix the voting rights, liquidation preferences, dividend rates, conversion rights, redemption rights and terms, including sinking fund provisions, and certain other rights and preferences.

Transfer Agent and Registrar. ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C. is the transfer agent and registrar of the Company's Common Stock.

#### LEGAL OPINIONS

The validity of the shares of Common Stock offered hereby has been passed upon by Crouch & Hallett, L.L.P., Dallas, Texas.

#### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Brinker International, Inc. and subsidiaries as of June 28, 1995 and June 29, 1994, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended June 28, 1995, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the report of KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, independent certified public accountants, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. To the extent that KPMG Peat Marwick LLP audits and reports on the consolidated financial statements of Brinker International, Inc. and subsidiaries issued at future dates, and consents to the use of their report thereon, such consolidated financial statements also will be incorporated by reference in the registration statement in reliance upon their report and said authority.

#### PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

##### Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following expenses incurred in connection herewith will be paid by the Selling Stockholders:

Item	Amount (1)
SEC registration fee	\$ 1,700
Legal fees and expenses	5,000
Accounting fees	3,000
Miscellaneous	2,000
Total	\$ 11,700

(1) All items other than SEC registration fee are estimated

##### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware provides generally and in pertinent part that a Delaware corporation may indemnify its directors and officers against expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of

the corporation) if, in connection with the matters in issue, they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, in connection with any criminal suit or proceeding, if in connection with the matters in issue, they had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. Section 145 further provides that in connection with the defense or settlement of any action by or in the right of the corporation, a Delaware corporation may indemnify its directors and officers against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by them if, in connection with the matters in issue, they acted in good faith, in a manner they reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper. Section 145 permits a Delaware corporation to grant its directors and officers additional rights of indemnification through bylaw provisions and otherwise and to purchase indemnity insurance on behalf of its directors and officers.

Article Ninth of the registrant's Certificate of Incorporation provides that no director shall be liable to the registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty, provided that the liability of a director is not limited (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the registrant or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or (iv) any transaction from which such director derived an improper personal benefit.

Article VI, Section 2 of the registrant's bylaws provides, in general, that the registrant shall indemnify its directors and officers under the circumstances defined in Section 145. The Company has obtained an insurance policy insuring the directors and officers of the Company against certain liabilities, if any, that arise in connection with the performance of their duties on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries.

#### Item 16. Exhibits.

- 3(a) -- Articles of Incorporation of the registrant. (1)
- 3(b) -- Bylaws of the registrant. (1)
- 5 -- Opinion of Crouch & Hallett, L.L.P. (2)
- 23(a)-- Consent of KPMG Peat Marwick LLP. (2)
- 23(b)-- Consent of Crouch & Hallett, L.L.P. (included in opinion filed as Exhibit 5).
- 25 -- Power of Attorney (included on p. II-3).

- (1) Filed as an exhibit to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 28, 1995.
- (2) Filed herewith.

#### Item 17. Undertakings.

(a) The registrant hereby undertakes (1) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made of the Shares registered hereby, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement; (2) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and (3) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities

Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit, or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer, or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Dallas and the State of Texas, on the 3rd day of July, 1996.

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By:/Debra L. Smithart  
Debra L. Smithart, Executive Vice  
President and Chief Financial Officer

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each of the undersigned hereby appoints Ronald A. McDougall and Debra L. Smithart, and each of them (with full power to act alone), as attorneys and agents for the undersigned, with full power of substitution, for and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to sign and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 any and all amendments and exhibits to this Registration Statement and any and all applications, instruments and other documents to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pertaining to the registration of the securities covered hereby, with full power and authority to do and perform any and all acts and things whatsoever requisite or desirable.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on July 3, 1996.

Signature	Title
/Ronald A. McDougall Ronald A. McDougall	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
/Debra L. Smithart Debra L. Smithart	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/Norman E. Brinker Norman E. Brinker	Chairman of the Board
/F. Lane Cardwell, Jr. F. Lane Cardwell, Jr.	Director
/Creed L. Ford, III Creed L. Ford, III	Director



Gerard V. Centioli	Director
/Jack W. Evans, Sr. Jack W. Evans, Sr.	Director
Rae F. Evans	Director
/J. M. Haggar, Jr. J. M. Haggar, Jr.	Director
J. Ira Harris	Director
Frederick S. Humphries	Director
James E. Oesterreicher	Director
Roger T. Staubach	Director

EXHIBIT 5

July 3, 1996

Brinker International, Inc.  
6820 LBJ Freeway  
Suite 200  
Dallas, Texas 75240

Gentlemen:

We have served as counsel for Brinker International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and certain stockholders of the Company (the "Selling Stockholders") in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 covering the sale from time to time by the Selling Stockholders of a maximum of 322,580 shares (the "Shares") of Common Stock, \$.10 par value, of the Company.

We have examined such documents and questions of law as we have deemed necessary to render the opinion expressed below. Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares are duly and validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We consent to the use of this opinion as Exhibit 5 to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

Crouch & Hallett, L.L.P.



EXHIBIT 23(a)

Independent Auditors' Consent

The Board of Directors  
Brinker International, Inc.:

We consent to the use of our report incorporated herein by reference and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the registration statement.

KPMG Peat Marwick LLP

/KPMG Peat Marwick

Dallas, Texas  
July 2, 1996