

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 12, 2013

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

Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On February 12, 2013, Brinker International, Inc. (the "Registrant") announced that Gerardo Lopez has been added to the Board of Directors of Registrant. As of this date, Mr. Lopez has not been assigned to any of the Committees of the Board of Directors. A copy of the Press Release is attached here to as Exhibit 99-1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated February 12, 2013

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 12, 2013	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 GERRY LOPEZ TO BOARD

DALLAS (Feb. 12, 2013) -Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT), a recognized leader in casual dining, announces the election of Gerardo (Gerry) Lopez to its Board of Directors.

Lopez currently serves as Chief Executive Officer, President and Director of AMC Entertainment, Inc. Prior to his current role, Gerry was President of Global Consumer Products, Foodservice and Seattle's Best Coffee at Starbucks. During his 28-year career, he has also served in a variety of executive management positions with Frito-Lay, Pepsi and Procter & Gamble.

"Gerry will be an outstanding addition to our Board of Directors," said Doug Brooks, Chairman of the Board of Brinker International. "His nearly three decades of experience in the entertainment, beverage and consumer packaged goods industries, in both the U.S. and abroad, provides him with unique insight which will be beneficial to Brinker. In his current role as head of one of the leading movie theater chains in the country, Gerry is in tune with consumer needs and marketplace trends currently influencing our industry."

About Brinker International

Brinker International Inc. is one of the world's leading casual dining restaurant companies. Founded in 1975 and based in Dallas, Texas, Brinker currently owns, operates, or franchises 1,593 restaurants under the names Chili's® Grill & Bar (1,549 restaurants) and Maggiano's Little Italy® (44 restaurants). For more information, visit www.brinker.com.