

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 21, 2005

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).
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Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

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

(b) Wilson L. Craft, Senior Vice President of Brinker International, Inc. (the "Company") and President of the Company's Chili's Grill & Bar restaurant concept, resigned from the Company effective February 21, 2005.

Todd E. Diener, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company will assume Mr. Craft's responsibilities on an interim basis. Mr. Diener previously served as President of Chili's Grill & Bar from 1998 to 2003.

Section 9 - Financial Statement and Exhibits.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99 Press Release, dated February 21, 2005.

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.

Date: February 23, 2005

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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

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**WILSON CRAFT STEPS DOWN AS PRESIDENT
OF CHILI'S GRILL & BAR**

DALLAS (Feb. 21, 2005) -- Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT), today announced the resignation of Wilson Craft as President of Chili's Grill & Bar. Todd Diener, Chief Operating Officer for Brinker, will assume Craft's responsibilities on an interim basis.

"This is an extremely difficult decision to make but one that I feel is the right choice for me and my family at this time," said Craft, who had served as President since 2003. "I am very confident that the Chili's leadership team and our dedicated restaurant operators in the field will continue to drive the success of this brand well into the future."

Diener, who served as Chili's President from 1998 to 2003, said that Craft played a key role in the growth of the brand.

"I've greatly enjoyed working with Wilson throughout his 20 years with the company and know how hard it was for him to step down," said Diener. "The operations, culinary and marketing initiatives he put into place have laid a solid foundation at Chili's, which this year will open more new restaurants than in any previous year in its history."

"Everyone at Brinker wishes him and his family nothing but the best," he added.

Chili's Grill & Bar, which operates and franchises more than 1,000 locations in 49 states and 24 countries, is owned by Dallas-based Brinker International, a recognized leader in casual dining. Other Brinker restaurant concepts include Romano's Macaroni Grill, Maggiano's Little Italy, On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina, Corner Bakery Cafe, Big Bowl Asian Kitchen and Rockfish Seafood Grill.

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