

# 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): August 23, 2012

### 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).
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

In the Press Release, the Registrant announced that at the August 23, 2012 Board of Director's Meeting, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share on the common stock of the company. The dividend will be payable on September 27, 2012 to shareholders of record as of September 10, 2012.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events

Also, in the Press Release, the Registrant announced that the Board of Directors increased the Registrant's share repurchase authorization by \$500.0 million.

#### Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

##### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

###### (d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated August 23, 2012.

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: August 23, 2012	By:	/s/ Douglas H. Brooks
		Douglas H. Brooks, Chairman of the Board
		President and Chief Executive Officer



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**BRINKER INTERNATIONAL BOARD ANNOUNCES DIVIDEND INCREASE,  
STOCK REPURCHASE AUTHORIZATION**

DALLAS (Aug. 23, 2012) -The Board of Directors for Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT) declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share on common stock, representing a 25 percent increase in the company's quarterly dividend. The increased dividend will be payable on Sept. 27, 2012 to shareholders of record as of Sept. 10, 2012.

Brinker's Board of Directors also authorized an additional \$500 million in share repurchases, bringing the total outstanding share repurchase authorization to \$626 million as of today's date.

Brinker currently owns, operates or franchises 1,581 restaurants under the names Chili's® Grill & Bar (1,536 restaurants) and Maggiano's Little Italy® (45 restaurants) and holds a minority investment in Romano's Macaroni Grill®.

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