

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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Dallas, Texas 75201  
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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. [x]

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	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.10 par value	\$5,976,920	\$2,061.01

(1) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the amount of the registration fee.

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 OCTOBER 19, 1995

430,769 Shares

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

COMMON STOCK

The 430,769 shares (the "Shares") of Common Stock of Brinker International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (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 September 30, 1996. See "Selling Stockholders."

The costs, expenses and fees incurred in connection with the registration of the Shares, which are estimated to be \$11,000 (excluding selling commissions and brokerage fees incurred by the Selling Stockholders), will be paid by the Selling Stockholders. The Company has agreed to indemnify the Selling Stockholders against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Act, and the Selling Stockholders have agreed to indemnify the Company against certain liabilities relating to information furnished by the Selling Stockholders to the Company and included in this Registration Statement.

The last reported sale price of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on October 18, 1995 was \$13.625 per share.

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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.

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The date of this Prospectus is October 19, 1995.

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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.

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"), Grady's American Grill ("Grady's"), Romano's Macaroni Grill ("Macaroni Grill"), Spageddies Italian Kitchen ("Spageddies"), On The Border Cafes ("On the Border"), Cozymel's ("Cozymel's") and Maggiano's/Corner Bakery ("Maggiano's") 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 Grady's, Macaroni Grill, Spageddies, On The Border, Cozymel's and Maggiano's in February 1989, November 1989, June 1993, May 1994, July 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.

**Grady's.** Grady's restaurants are casual, upscale dinner house restaurants which feature "made from scratch" recipes and a broad menu focusing on fresh seafood, prime rib, steaks, chicken and pasta entrees, salads, sandwiches, appetizers, desserts and a full-service bar. Grady's restaurants feature booth and table seating, wood and brick walls and brass fixtures. Service personnel are dressed smartly, in casual slacks, blue work shirts and ties, to reinforce the upscale atmosphere.

**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.

**Spageddies.** Spageddies restaurants are casual, full-service, moderately-priced family oriented Italian restaurants featuring rotisserie

chicken, steak and pasta entrees, salads, pizza, appetizers and desserts with a full-service bar. Spageddies restaurants feature an exhibition kitchen, a wood-burning pizza oven, booth and table seating, and prominent displays of peppers, parmesan and tomatoes. Service personnel are dressed casually in blue jeans and white shirts to reinforce the casual and informal environment.

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 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 a souvenir shop and an outdoor patio. Service personnel are dressed casually in colorful T-shirts and black pants.

Maggiano's. Maggiano's restaurants are designed as classic re-creations of a New York City pre-war "Little Italy" dinner house, and the Corner Bakeries are designed as retail traditional old-world bread bakeries. The existing restaurants and Corner Bakeries 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.

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

#### Restaurant Locations

At September 27, 1995, Brinker's system of company-operated, joint venture and franchised units included 605 restaurants located in 45 states, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, France, Australia, Egypt, Puerto Rico and Mexico. The Company's portfolio of restaurants is illustrated below:

September 27, 1995

Chili's:	
Company-Operated	330
Franchise	116
Grady's	49
Macaroni Grill:	
Company-Operated	54
Franchise	1
Spageddies:	
Company-Operated	15
Joint Venture	4
On The Border:	
Company-Operated	18
Franchise	5
Cozymel's	4
Maggiano's:	
Maggiano's	3
Corner Bakery	5
R&D Concept:	
Company-Operated	1

## SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

Mr. Philip J. Romano, Mr. Richard H. Luders, Ms. Elizabeth G. Romano, Mr. Fred Valdez and Mr. Alberto Rodarte (the "Selling Stockholders"), acquired the Shares owned by, and offered by, them pursuant to the acquisition (the "Acquisition") of Nacho Mama's, Inc. ("Nacho Mama's"), the Company's joint venture partner in Cozymel's Joint Venture, by the Company in July 1995. The Selling Stockholders, who had owned all of the capital stock of Nacho Mama's, received an aggregate of 430,769 shares of Common Stock of the Company pursuant to the Acquisition. The Company is registering the Shares of the Selling Stockholders pursuant to certain registration rights granted to them pursuant to an agreement entered in connection with the Acquisition.

The following table contains certain data regarding the ownership of the Company's Common Stock by the Selling Stockholders on June 28, 1995:

Selling Stockholder	Shares Owned Before the Offering		Shares Being Offered (1)	Shares Owned After the Offering	
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent(2)
Philip J. Romano	130,507	(3)	129,231	1,276	(3)
Richard H. Luders	129,231	(3)	129,231	-0-	-0-
Elizabeth J. Romano	129,231	(3)	129,231	-0-	-0-
Fred Valdez	25,846	(3)	25,846	-0-	-0-
Alberto Rodarte	17,300	(3)	17,231	69	(3)

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

(2) Assuming all of the Shares acquired pursuant to the Acquisition were sold, each Selling Stockholder would own less than 1% of the Company's Common Stock.

(3) 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 September 1, 1995, there were 76,562,063 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.

**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.** Chemical Mellon Shareholder Services Group, Inc. 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 the Company as of June 28, 1995 and June 29, 1994, and for each of the years ended June 28, 1995, June 29, 1994 and June 30, 1993, have been incorporated by reference herein 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 upon consolidated financial statements of the Company issued at future dates, and consents to the use of their report thereon, such financial statements also will be incorporated by reference herein 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	\$ 2,061
Legal fees and expenses	5,000
Accounting fees	3,000
Miscellaneous	839
Total	\$11,000

(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)
- 24(a)-- Consent of KPMG Peat Marwick LLP. (2)
- 24(b)-- Consent of Crouch & Hallett, L.L.P.  
(included in opinion filed as Exhibit 5).
- 25 -- Power of Attorney (included on p. II-4).

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- (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 prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, and 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.

(c) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to deliver or cause to be delivered with the prospectus, to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest annual report to security holders that is incorporated by reference in the prospectus and furnished pursuant to and meeting the requirements of Rule 14a-3 or Rule 14c-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and, where interim financial information required to be presented by Article 3 of Regulation S-X are not set forth in the prospectus, to deliver, or cause to be delivered to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest quarterly report that is specifically incorporated by reference in the prospectus to provide such interim financial information.

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 19th day of October, 1995.

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 indicated on October 19, 1995.

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
/Roger F. Thomson Roger F. Thomson	Director
Jack W. Evans, Sr.	Director
Rae F. Evans	Director
J. M. Haggar, Jr.	Director
J. Ira Harris	Director
Frederick S. Humphries	Director
/Ray L. Hunt Ray L. Hunt	Director



James E. Oesterreicher

Director

/Roger T. Staubach  
Roger T. Staubach

Director

EXHIBIT 5  
Opinion of Crouch & Hallett

October 17, 1995

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

Gentlemen:

We have served as counsel for Brinker International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 covering the sale of 430,769 shares (the "Shares") of Common Stock of the Company. The Shares may be sold from time to time by the Selling Stockholders as described in the Registration Statement.

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

EXHIBIT 24(a)

Consent of Independent Auditors

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 prospectus.

KPMG Peat Marwick LLP

Dallas, Texas  
October 18, 1995

/Crouch & Hallett