

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ware Michaela M</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 6820 LBJ FREEWAY  (Street) DALLAS TX 75240  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/02/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC [ EAT ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP of Finance & IR	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	7,181.439	D	
Common Stock	2,992.542	I	By 401(k) Plan

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/30/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/30/2020	Common Stock	0	34.82	D	
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	10/20/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/20/2018	Common Stock	0	19.58	D	
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/25/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/25/2019	Common Stock	0	21.79	D	
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/29/2014 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/29/2021	Common Stock	0	40.76	D	
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/28/2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/28/2022	Common Stock	0	49.04	D	
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/27/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/27/2023	Common Stock	0	54.15	D	
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/25/2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/25/2024	Common Stock	0	54.33	D	
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/31/2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/31/2025	Common Stock	0	31.22	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Options vest in installments on or after the date shown.

**Remarks:**

Christopher L. Green,  
Attorney-in-Fact for Michaela 10/11/2017  
M. Ware

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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