

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): December 6, 2004

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

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 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)).
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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.

On December 6, 2004, Brinker International, Inc. ("Registrant") announced that Mr. Rosendo G. (Ro) Parra has been added to the Board of Directors of Registrant. Mr. Parra will be a member of the Governance and Nominating Committee of the Registrant.

Section 9 - Financial Statement and Exhibits.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99 Press Release, dated December 6, 2004.

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: December 9, 2004

BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**BRINKER INTERNATIONAL WELCOMES
ROSENDO PARRA TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DALLAS (Dec. 6, 2004) - Brinker International, Inc., (NYSE: EAT), a recognized leader in casual dining, today announced the addition of Rosendo G. (Ro) Parra to its board of directors.

Mr. Parra, 45, serves as Senior Vice President, Americas, for Dell Inc., with responsibility for manufacturing, services, sales and marketing operations serving the company's customers in the United States, Canada and Latin America.

"Ro Parra's leadership experience at one of the most dynamic and successful technology companies in the world will be a tremendous asset to our board of directors," said Doug Brooks, President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Brinker International. "We are looking forward to the insights and perspective he will bring to our company."

Brinker International owns, operates, franchises, or is involved in the ownership of more than 1,500 restaurants under the names Chili's Grill & Bar, 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.