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# 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): September 6, 2018

### 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)).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5 - Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 - Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On September 10, 2018, Brinker International, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that on September 6, 2018, Executive Vice President and President of Chili’s Grill & Bar, Kelli Valade, notified the Company of her decision to resign. Ms. Valade’s resignation will be effective September 14, 2018. Chief Executive Officer and President Wyman Roberts will serve as Interim President of Chili’s Grill & Bar, a position he previously held from November 2009 through June 2016.

**Item 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits.**

[99.1](#) Press Release, dated September 10, 2018.

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.

Dated: September 10, 2018

By: /s/ Wyman T. Roberts

Wyman T. Roberts,  
Chief Executive Officer and President

## **CHILI'S LIFTS A MARAGARITA IN HONOR OF KELLI VALADE**

*Wyman Roberts to step in as president of Chili's, a role he's previously held*

DALLAS, Sept. 10, 2018 - Today, Chili's® Grill & Bar announced Kelli Valade is leaving her leadership role with the brand. Valade will join TDn2K™, parent company of People Report™, Black Box Intelligence™ and White Box Social Intelligence™, as president and CEO. In the interim, Wyman Roberts will once again step in as president of Chili's.

Prior to Valade, Roberts served as president of Chili's for more than seven years. His extensive experience running both the Maggiano's and Chili's brands, coupled with the strong leadership team in place at Chili's, ensures the brand will continue to deliver notable results.

"I'm not sure I can find the words to express how extremely proud I am of Kelli and all that she's accomplished," said Wyman Roberts, president and CEO of Brinker International, Inc. "I've seen firsthand the impact she's made at Brinker and Chili's and now she will help impact the entire industry."

In her 22 years with Brinker, Valade's leadership helped shift the culture, initiate the Women Take the Lead program and impact positive results for Chili's.

"This was an incredibly tough decision to leave a brand that I absolutely love and taught me the power of making people feel special," said Kelli Valade. "I've been honored to be a part of the amazing momentum the ChiliHeads have created and can't wait to see what's next for the team."

Brinker International, Inc. is one of the world's leading casual dining restaurant companies. Founded in 1975 and based in Dallas, Texas, as of June 27, 2018, Brinker owned, operated or franchised 1,686 restaurants under the names Chili's® Grill & Bar (1,634 restaurants) and Maggiano's Little Italy® (52 restaurants).

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