BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC Form 8-K December 08, 2006

# 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 7, 2006

# BRINKER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-1027574-1914582(State of Incorporation)(Commission File Number)(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

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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

(b) On December 7, 2006, Dr. Robert M. Gates resigned from the Registrant s Board of Directors. Dr. Gates was confirmed on December 6, 2006 by the United States Senate to be Secretary of Defense for the United States of America.

#### Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99 Press Release, dated December 7, 2006.

#### **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: December 8, 2006 By: /s/ Douglas H. Brooks

Douglas H. Brooks, Chairman of the Board President and Chief Executive Officer

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