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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**March 12, 2018**  
**Date of report (date of earliest event reported)**

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**The Habit Restaurants, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdictions of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-36749**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**36-4791171**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Nos.)

**17320 Red Hill Avenue, Suite 140**  
**Irvine, CA**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(949) 851-8881**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrants under any of the following provisions:

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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))

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

On March 12, 2018, Matthew Hood informed The Habit Restaurants, Inc. (the “Company”) that he was resigning as Chief Marketing Officer of the Company, effective as of April 3, 2018, to pursue other opportunities. The Company intends to conduct an external search for Mr. Hood’s replacement.

A copy of the press release announcing the departure of Mr. Hood is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

See Exhibit Index attached hereto.

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit No.**

**Description**

99.1

[Press Release issued by The Habit Restaurants, Inc. on March 15, 2018](#)

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**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.

THE HABIT RESTAURANTS, INC.

Date: March 15, 2018

By: /s/ Ira Fils  
Ira Fils  
Chief Financial Officer



### **The Habit Restaurants Announces Departure of Chief Marketing Officer**

IRVINE, Calif., March 15, 2018 — The Habit Restaurants, Inc. (Nasdaq: HABT), (“The Habit” or the “Company”), today announced that Matt Hood, Chief Marketing Officer, will leave the Company to pursue another opportunity. The Company has initiated a search for his replacement.

Russ Bendel, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Habit Restaurants, Inc., stated, “I’d like to express my deep appreciation to Matt for his hard work and numerous contributions to our organization. In the more than three and a half years that he has been with The Habit, Matt has shown tremendous dedication, loyalty and passion for our brand, our customers and our team members, and we wish him the best in his new endeavors.”

Matt Hood added, “I am grateful for the tremendous opportunities The Habit has provided me, as well as the strong relationships I’ve established during my time here. I am proud of our accomplishments and look forward to watching the Company’s future growth and wish all of my colleagues continued success.”

#### **About The Habit Restaurants, Inc.**

The Habit Burger Grill is a burger-centric, fast casual restaurant concept that specializes in preparing fresh, made-to-order chargrilled burgers and sandwiches featuring USDA choice tri-tip steak, grilled chicken and sushi-grade tuna cooked over an open flame. In addition, it features fresh made-to-order salads and an appealing selection of sides, shakes and malts. The Habit was named the “best tasting burger in America” in July 2014 in a comprehensive survey conducted by one of America’s leading consumer magazines. The first Habit opened in Santa Barbara, California in 1969. The Habit has since grown to over 215 restaurants in 11 states throughout California, Arizona, Utah, New Jersey, Florida, Idaho, Virginia, Nevada, Washington, Maryland and Pennsylvania as well as three international locations.

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