

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

THE HABIT RESTAURANTS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

36-4791171
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**17320 Red Hill Avenue, Suite 140
Irvine, CA 92614
United States**
(Address, Including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan
(Full Title of the Plan)

**Russell Bendel
Chief Executive Officer
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United States
Tel: (949) 851-8881**
(Name, Address and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

with copies to:

**Carl Marcellino
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(212) 841-0623**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>		Accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>		Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Emerging growth company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share				

—Additional shares being registered to be issued under future awards under the Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan	1,000,000	\$8.75 ⁽²⁾	\$8,750,000	\$1,060.50
Total	1,000,000	N/A	\$8,750,000	\$1,060.50

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement also covers an additional indeterminable number of shares that may become issuable or available under the foregoing plan pursuant to terms designed to prevent dilution resulting from share splits, share dividends, recapitalization or similar events.
- (2) Calculated solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee pursuant to the provisions of Rule 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The proposed maximum aggregate offering price for shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan consists of \$8.75 payable in respect of 1,000,000 shares, based on the average high and low prices of The Habit Restaurants, Inc.'s Class A Common Stock reported on The Nasdaq Global Market on August 16, 2019.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 (this “Registration Statement”) registers 1,000,000 additional shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Common Stock”) of The Habit Restaurants, Inc. (the “Registrant”) that may be issued and sold pursuant to the Registrant’s Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and the Note to Part I of Form S-8. Such information is not being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. Such information has been or will be delivered to participants in the plan covered by this Registration Statement as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents previously filed with the SEC are incorporated by reference herein and shall be deemed as part hereof:

- (1) our Annual Report on [Form 10-K](#) for the year ended December 25, 2018, filed with the Commission on March 1, 2019;
- (2) our Quarterly Report on [Form 10-Q](#) for the quarter ended June 25, 2019 filed with the SEC on August 1, 2019;
- (3) the information identified as incorporated by reference under Item 14 of [Part III of our Annual Report on Form 10-K](#) for the year ended December 25, 2018 from our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for our 2019 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the SEC on April 23, 2019;
- (4) our Current Report on [Form 8-K](#) filed with the SEC on June 20, 2019; and
- (5) the description of our Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, contained in our Registration Statement on [Form 8-A](#), filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), on November 17, 2014, and any other amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description (File No. 001-36749).

All reports and other documents filed by us after the date hereof pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such reports and documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware provides as follows:

“(a) A corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person’s conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the person’s conduct was unlawful.

“(b) A corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.”

As permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation includes a provision to eliminate the personal liability of its directors for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duties as directors, subject to certain exceptions. In addition, our amended and restated bylaws contain a provision indemnifying its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law for all liability and loss suffered by them in connection with performance of their duties as our directors and officers, subject to certain exceptions, and provide that we may advance expenses to our officers and directors as incurred in connection with proceedings against them for which they may be indemnified.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors and officers. These agreements provide broader indemnity rights than those provided under the Delaware General Corporation Law and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws. The indemnification agreements are not intended to deny or otherwise limit third party or derivative suits against us or our directors or officers, but to the extent a director or officer were entitled to indemnity or contribution under the indemnification agreement, the financial burden of a third party suit would be borne by us, and we would not benefit from derivative recoveries against the director or officer. Such recoveries would accrue to our benefit but would be offset by its obligations to the director or officer under the indemnification agreement.

We maintain directors’ and officers’ liability insurance for the benefit of our directors and officers.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
4.1	<u>Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (previously filed as Exhibits 3.1 to the registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-199394) and incorporated herein by reference)</u>
4.2	<u>Form of Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant (previously filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-199394) and incorporated herein by reference)</u>
4.3	<u>Form of Specimen Class A Common Stock Certificate (previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-199394) and incorporated herein by reference)</u>
4.4	<u>Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (previously filed as Appendix A of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement filed on Form DEF 14A on April 23, 2019 in connection with the Annual Meeting held on June 19, 2019, and incorporated herein by reference)</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Ropes & Gray LLP dated August 23, 2019</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of Moss Adams LLP</u>
23.2	<u>Consent of Ropes & Gray LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)</u>
24.1	<u>Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this registration statement)</u>

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of a prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) above shall not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Irvine, State of California on the 23rd day of August, 2019.

THE HABIT RESTAURANTS, INC.

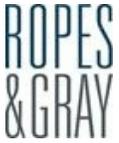
By: /s/ Russell Bendel
Russell Bendel
Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Russell Bendel and Ira Fils, and each of them singly, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution in each of them singly, for him and in his name, place and stead, and in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of The Habit Restaurants, Inc., and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting to the attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in or about the premises, as full to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of each of them or their substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated above.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Russell W. Bendel</u> Russell W. Bendel	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Ira Fils</u> Ira Fils	Chief Financial Officer and Secretary; Director (Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)
<u>/s/ Christopher K. Reilly</u> Christopher K. Reilly	Director
<u>/s/ Allan W. Karp</u> Allan W. Karp	Director
<u>/s/ Ira Zecher</u> Ira Zecher	Director
<u>/s/ A. William Allen III</u> A. William Allen III	Director
<u>/s/ Joseph J. Kadow</u> Joseph J. Kadow	Director
<u>/s/ Karin Timpone</u> Karin Timpone	Director



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August 23, 2019

The Habit Restaurants, Inc.
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

This opinion letter is furnished to you in connection with the registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement"), filed by The Habit Restaurants, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), on the date hereof, with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), for the registration of 1,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, of the Company (the "Shares"). The Shares are issuable under the Company's Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

We are familiar with the actions taken by the Company in connection with the adoption of the Plan. We have examined such certificates, documents and records and have made such investigation of fact and such examination of law as we have deemed appropriate in order to enable us to render the opinions set forth herein. In conducting such investigation, we have relied, without independent verification, upon certificates of officers of the Company, public officials and other appropriate persons.

The opinions expressed below are limited to the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, when the Shares have been issued and sold in accordance with the terms of the Plan, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ropes and Gray LLP

Ropes & Gray LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of The Habit Restaurants, Inc. of our report dated March 1, 2019, appearing in its Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, relating to the consolidated financial statements of The Habit Restaurants, Inc. included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the years ended December 25, 2018 and December 26, 2017, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 25, 2018.

/s/ Moss Adams

San Diego, California
August 23, 2019