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

FORM 8-K

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

April 17, 2017
Date of report (date of earliest event reported)

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

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)

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:

- 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in 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.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Effective April 17, 2017, The Habit Restaurants, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Douglas R. Branigan as the Company’s Chief Development Officer.

On April 17, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Branigan as the Company’s Chief Development Officer. A copy of the press release has been filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated April 17, 2017 issued by The Habit Restaurants, Inc.

SIGNATURES

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.

By: /s/ Ira Fils

Ira Fils

Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

Date April 18, 2017

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The Habit Restaurants, Inc. Announces Appointment of Douglas Branigan as Chief Development Officer

IRVINE, CA, April 17, 2017 – The Habit Restaurants, Inc. (Nasdaq:HABT) (“The Habit”), today announced the appointment of Douglas R. Branigan as Chief Development Officer, effective April 17, 2017.

“We are pleased to welcome Doug to the Habit team, who brings with him more than 20 years of leadership in restaurant operations and development. His experience will be a valuable asset to us as we continue to expand throughout the U.S.,” said Russ Bendel, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Habit Restaurants, Inc.

Prior to joining the Habit, Mr. Branigan served as Chief Development Officer for Black Bear Diner, Inc.. Prior to Black Bear he was the Chief Operating Officer for Sprinkles Cupcakes and Senior Vice President of Franchise Operations for Smashburger. He also worked in various operating roles at Mimi’s Café, Morton’s of Chicago and Chart House Enterprises. Mr. Branigan earned his Bachelor of Arts in history from Colorado State University.

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 albacore 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 175 restaurants in 10 states throughout California, Arizona, Utah, New Jersey, Florida, Idaho, Virginia, Nevada, Washington and Maryland as well as two international locations. More information is available at www.habitburger.com.

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