RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC Form 8-K September 04, 2018

UNITED STATES 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 4, 2018

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-34851 (Commission File Number)

84-1573084 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

6312 S. Fiddler s Green Circle, Suite 200N Greenwood Village, Colorado (Address of principal executive offices)

80111 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (303) 846-6000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:		
o	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
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o	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))	
o	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 O		
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. O		

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

Effective as of September 4, 2018, Carin L. Stutz s employment with Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (the Company) was terminated without cause. Ms. Stutz served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company from April 2016 until her departure. Effective immediately, President and Chief Executive Officer, Denny Marie Post will assume responsibility for the Company s operations as interim Chief Operating Officer. Guy Constant, the Company s Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, is expected to transition into the role of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer upon the hiring of a new Chief Financial Officer and transfer of duties, anticipated in early 2019. As part of this transition plan, the Company will immediately commence an external search for a new Chief Financial Officer. There is no change in compensation at this time for Ms. Post or Mr. Constant based on these changes. Ms. Stutz has certain severance benefits available to her pursuant to her Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, which has been previously filed by the Company.

The Company issued a press release on September 4, 2018 announcing these executive officer changes. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. Press Release dated September 4, 2018.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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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.

Date: September 4, 2018

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael L. Kaplan
Name: Michael L. Kaplan
Title: Chief Legal Officer

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