

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 31, 2017**

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**Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>001-35373</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>90-0712224</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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<b>14800 Landmark Boulevard, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>75254</b> (Zip Code)
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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (972) 702-9300**

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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 registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 240.13a-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.

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**ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.**

On October 31, 2017, Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. issued a press release, the entire text of which is attached as [Exhibit 99.1](#) and is incorporated by reference herein.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(d) Exhibits

[99.1](#) [Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. Press Release, dated October 31, 2017.](#)

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## 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.

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

Date: October 31, 2017

By: /s/ Lynn S. Schweinfurth

Name: Lynn S. Schweinfurth

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. Appoints  
Maria Chang Mayer as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**

**DALLAS, Texas - October 31, 2017** - Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. (“Fiesta” or the “Company”) (NASDAQ: FRGI), parent company of the Pollo Tropical® and Taco Cabana® fast casual restaurant brands, announced the appointment of Maria Chang Mayer as the Company’s Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary effective November 15, 2017.

Fiesta President and Chief Executive Officer Richard Stockinger said, “I am pleased to welcome Maria to Fiesta. She is a seasoned business leader with an impressive breadth of legal experience. As a member of Fiesta’s executive team, Maria will play an important role as we work together to successfully implement the Strategic Renewal Plan and build long term shareholder value.”

Ms. Mayer brings with her almost 25 years of experience, including multi-jurisdictional projects, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions and strategic and financial transactions.

Most recently, Maria served as general counsel of AMG and Widex USA, U.S. subsidiaries of Widex A/S, one of the world’s largest hearing aid manufacturers. There she provided legal counsel to Widex’s US operations which include hundreds of retail hearing aid clinics nationwide and wholesale operations based in New York. Prior to that, she served as Senior Corporate Counsel for Carlton Fields, a leading provider of legal and consultative services based in Florida. Before joining Carlton Fields, Maria served in various roles at several law firms, including Hughes Hubbard & Reed, Popham Haik Schnobrich & Kaufman, and Stuzin & Camner.

Ms. Mayer earned her law degree from the University of Florida, College of Law where she graduated with Honors and earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature at the University of Florida.

**About Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.**

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., owns, operates and franchises Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana® restaurant brands. The brands specialize in the operation of fast casual restaurants that offer distinct and unique flavors with broad appeal at a compelling value. The brands feature fresh-made cooking, drive-thru service and catering. For more information about Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., visit the corporate website at [www.frgi.com](http://www.frgi.com).