

**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): **October 16, 2017**

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

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-35373 (Commission File Number)	90-0712224 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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14800 Landmark Boulevard, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	75254 (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.)

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.

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On October 16, 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 16, 2017.](#)

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 16, 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 Charles “Chuck” Locke as Taco Cabana President;
Danny Meisenheimer to Assume Additional Role as Pollo Tropical President**

DALLAS, Texas - October 16, 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 today that Charles “Chuck” Locke has joined the Company as Taco Cabana President. Fiesta Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Danny Meisenheimer will also assume the additional role of Pollo Tropical President. These appointments are effective as of October 16, 2017. Messrs. Locke and Meisenheimer will report to Fiesta President and Chief Executive Officer Richard Stockinger.

Fiesta President and Chief Executive Officer Richard Stockinger said, “We are delighted to welcome Chuck to Fiesta and to his new role as President of Taco Cabana. Chuck has built an exceptional track record of improving performance and driving growth throughout his career and has a real passion for delivering an exceptional guest experience. He is a great cultural fit for our company and for the Taco Cabana brand. We would also like to congratulate Danny on his appointment as President of Pollo Tropical. Together, these appointments will strengthen the implementation of our strategic renewal plan which is focused on revitalizing restaurant performance in core markets, managing capital and financial discipline, and establishing platforms for long term growth.”

Mr. Locke is a highly respected restaurant executive with more than 20 years of operations, development, marketing, and finance experience. Before joining Fiesta, he served as Chief Operating Officer of Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza, a polished casual-dining concept based in South Florida. During his nine years at Anthony’s, Mr. Locke successfully developed and implemented a multi-state strategic growth plan and grew the brand’s footprint from 10 locations to 64 restaurants in seven states. Prior to that, he served as an area developer for Family Sports Concepts and grew its Beef O’Brady’s sports-themed concept through franchisees. Mr. Locke started his career at S&A Restaurant Group serving various leadership roles for Bennigan’s, most recently as Area Director responsible for 15 restaurants in Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina.

About Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. is the parent company of the Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurant brands. The brands specialize in the operation of fast-casual restaurants that offer distinct and unique tropical and Mexican inspired flavors with broad appeal at a compelling value. For more information about Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., visit the corporate website at www.frgi.com.