

**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): **December 13, 2018**

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

Delaware	001-35373	90-0712224
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

14800 Landmark Boulevard, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas	75254
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

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 240.13e-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 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS;
COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.**

As notified on December 13, 2018, Maria C. Mayer has left the company and therefore no longer serves as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., effective December 14, 2018.

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On December 17, 2018, Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. issued a press release, the entire text of which is attached hereto 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 December 17, 2018.](#)

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: December 17, 2018

By: /s/ Lynn S. Schweinfurth
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Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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**Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. Appoints
Louis DiPietro as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary**

DALLAS, Texas - (Business Wire) - December 17, 2018 - 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 Louis DiPietro as the Company's Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, effective December 17, 2018, replacing Maria Mayer, who has left the Company .

Fiesta President and Chief Executive Officer Richard Stockinger said, "The leadership team and I are delighted to have Lou join Fiesta . His background, experience and accomplishments, especially as the former Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Panera Bread Company, will be extremely valuable as we continue to implement our strategic growth plans. Lou has over a decade of relevant industry experience that I am confident will serve the company well as we set course for future growth and build long term shareholder value."

Mr. DiPietro brings with him 22 years of experience and expertise in the areas of Corporate Governance, SEC rules and regulations, contract negotiations, mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and restaurant refranchising. Most recently, Mr. DiPietro served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Panera Bread Company ("Panera"). During Mr. DiPietro's 12-year career at Panera, he held several roles of increasing responsibility in the legal department. Prior to joining Panera, Mr. DiPietro held a variety of legal positions including General Counsel for Mainspring Communications, a publicly traded management consulting firm, until it was acquired by IBM. Mr. DiPietro earned his B.A. and J.D. from Boston College.

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.