

CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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 8, 2016**

**THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY INCORPORATED**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-20574**  
(Commission File Number)

**51-0340466**  
(IRS Employer Identification  
No.)

**26901 Malibu Hills Road**  
**Calabasas Hills, California 91301**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(818) 871-3000**

**Not Applicable**

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

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- 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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

On December 8, 2016, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee recommended, and the Board of Directors (the Board ) of The Cheesecake Factory Incorporated (the Company ) subsequently approved, the appointment of Edie A. Ames effective, December 14, 2016 to fill the vacancy following an increase to the number of seats as described in Item 8.01 below. Ms. Ames will stand for election at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS**

On December 9, 2016, the Board increased the number of directors from six to seven, effective December 14, 2016 in accordance with the Company s By-Laws.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated December 13, 2016 entitled The Cheesecake Factory Appoints Edie A. Ames to Board of Directors

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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.

Date: December 13, 2016

THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY  
INCORPORATED

By:

/s/ W. Douglas Benn  
W. Douglas Benn  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated December 13, 2016 entitled The Cheesecake Factory Appoints Edie A. Ames to Board of Directors

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