

CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC
Form 8-K
January 24, 2011

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):

January 24, 2011

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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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The following information is intended to be furnished under Item 7.01 of Form 8-K, Regulation FD Disclosure. This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date of this report, regardless of any general incorporation language in the filing.

In a press release dated January 24, 2011, The Cheesecake Factory Incorporated announced that the company has entered into an exclusive licensing agreement with the Kuwait-based Alshaya group of companies to build and operate The Cheesecake Factory restaurants in the Middle East. The agreement provides for the development of 22 restaurants over the next five years in the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with the opportunity to expand the agreement to include other markets in the Middle East and North Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and Turkey. The transaction also includes an agreement to supply bakery products branded under The Cheesecake Factory trademark to such restaurants.

The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits (furnished):

99.1 Press release dated January 24, 2011 entitled, The Cheesecake Factory Announces International Expansion.

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: January 24, 2011

THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY INCORPORATED

By:

/s/ W. Douglas Benn

W. Douglas Benn

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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