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Form 8-K

October 22, 2007

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 22, 2007

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APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE

000-17962

43-1461763

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

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(Commission  
File Number)

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(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

4551 W. 107th Street, Overland Park, Kansas

66207

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

(913) 967-4000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to  
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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On October 22, 2007, Applebee's International, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release entitled "ISS Recommends 'For' Sale of Applebee's International to IHOP Corp." The release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

99.1 ISS Recommends 'For' Sale of Applebee's International to IHOP Corp.

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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: October 22, 2007

APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ Steven K. Lumpkin

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Steven K. Lumpkin  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial and Strategy Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description   |
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