

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

Form 8-K

April 23, 2015

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 23, 2015

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DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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001-35258

(Commission

File Number)

130 Royall Street

Canton, Massachusetts 02021

(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

(781) 737-3000

(Registrant's telephone number)

20-4145825

(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 23, 2015, Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended March 28, 2015. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

The information contained in this Item, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensation Arrangements of Certain Officers and Other Events.

On April 23, 2015, the Company announced that John Costello, President, Global Marketing & Innovation, notified the Company that he intends to retire in the middle part of 2016. Beginning May 1, 2015, Mr. Costello will transition to a new, more strategic role focused largely on the evolution of the Company's brands with a special emphasis on the Company's international businesses. The Company will not be replacing Mr. Costello, and will instead promote members of the senior marketing leadership team to assume his responsibilities.

A copy of the press release discussing these changes is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 23, 2015, the Company also announced that its Board of Directors has declared a \$0.265 per common share quarterly cash dividend. The dividend is payable on June 17, 2015 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on June 9, 2015. The declaration of any future dividends is subject to the Board's discretion. The full text of the Company's press release issued today regarding this dividend is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. dated April 23, 2015 regarding the release of quarterly and annual financial results and other information.

99.2 Press Release of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. dated April 23, 2015 announcing certain executive transitions.

99.3 Press Release of Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. dated April 23, 2015 announcing the declaration of a \$0.265 quarterly cash dividend.

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.

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

By:            /s/ Nigel Travis  
                Nigel Travis  
                Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 23, 2015