# 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): February 26, 2014

## **DineEquity**, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**450 North Brand Boulevard, Glendale, California** (Address of principal executive offices)

**95-3038279** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**91203-2306** (Zip Code)

(818) 240-6055

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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.

(b) On February 26, 2014, DineEquity, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), announced that Michael Archer, former President of Applebee's, would be leaving the Corporation effective March 3, 2014.

(e) Upon his departure from the Corporation, Mr. Archer will be entitled to severance payments and benefits consistent with his Employment Agreement, dated as of November 1, 2008, and certain other previously disclosed compensation arrangements.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD.

On February 26, 2014, the Corporation issued a press release announcing the appointment of Steven Layt as the President of Applebee's effective February 25, 2014. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Item 7.01, including the related information set forth in the press release attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, is being "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise. The information in this Item 7.01 shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or into any filing or other document pursuant to the Exchange Act, except as otherwise expressly stated in any such filing.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)	Exhibits.
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Exhibit	
Number	Description
99.1	Press Release issued by the Corporation on February 26, 2014.

### 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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 26, 2014

DINEEQUITY, INC.

By:

/s/ Bryan R. Adel Bryan R. Adel Senior Vice President, Legal, General Counsel and Secretary

### Exhibit Index

Description

Press Release issued by the Corporation on February 26, 2014.

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### News Release

Media Contact Kevin Mortesen VP, Communications 818-637-3629

# DineEquity, Inc. Announces Appointment of Steven Layt as President of Applebee's

**GLENDALE, Calif., February 26, 2014** — DineEquity, Inc. (NYSE: DIN), the parent company of Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar<sup>®</sup> and IHOP<sup>®</sup> restaurants, today announced that Steven Layt has been appointed President of Applebee's, effective February 25, 2014. Michael Archer, former President of Applebee's, is leaving to pursue other opportunities.

"I want to thank Mike for his commitment and dedication to the Applebee's brand," said Julia Stewart, DineEquity's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "He made a great contribution to the business during his tenure as the President of Applebee's."

Mr. Layt has held the role of Senior Vice President of Operations for Applebee's since January of 2012. Prior to joining DineEquity, Mr. Layt was the Chief Operating Officer at Buffets Inc. and held a number of senior management positions globally and in the United States with YUM! Brands.

"Steve is an outstanding leader," said Ms. Stewart. "He is well-respected by the Applebee's franchisees, is a true innovator and a team player. We look forward to him moving the Applebee's brand ahead."

#### About DineEquity, Inc.

Based in Glendale, California, DineEquity, Inc., through its subsidiaries, franchises and operates restaurants under the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar and IHOP brands. With more than 3,600 restaurants combined in 20 countries, over 400 franchisees and approximately 200,000 team members (including franchisee- and company-operated restaurant employees), DineEquity is one of the largest full-service restaurant companies in the world. For more information on DineEquity, visit the Company's Web site located at www.dineequity.com.

> DineEquity, Inc. 450 North Brand Blvd., 7th floor Glendale, California 91203-4415 866.995.DINE

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements contained in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify these forward-looking statements by words such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "intend," "plan" and other similar expressions. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied in such statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: the effect of general economic conditions; the Company's indebtedness; risk of future impairment charges; trading volatility and the price of the Company's common stock; the Company's results in any given period differing from guidance provided to the public; the highly competitive nature of the restaurant business; the Company's business strategy failing to achieve anticipated results; risks associated with the restaurant industry; risks associated with locations of current and future restaurants; rising costs for food commodities and utilities; shortages or interruptions in the supply or delivery of food; ineffective marketing and guest relationship initiatives and use of social media; changing health or dietary preferences; our engagement in business in foreign markets; harm to our brands' reputation; litigation; Fourth-party claims with respect to intellectual property assets; environmental liability; liability relating to employees; failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations; failure to effectively implement restaurant development plans; our dependence upon our franchisees; concentration of Applebee's franchised restaurants in a limited number of franchisees; credit risk from IHOP franchisees operating under our previous business model; termination or non-renewal of franchise agreements; franchisees breaching their franchise agreements; insolvency proceedings involving franchisees; changes in the number and quality of franchisees; inability of franchisees to fund capital expenditures; heavy dependence on information technology; the occurrence of cyber incidents or a deficiency in our cybersecurity; failure to execute on a business continuity plan; inability to attract and retain talented employees; risks associated with retail brand initiatives; failure of our internal controls; and other factors discussed from time to time in the Company's Annual and Quarterly Reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q and in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forwardlooking statements contained in this release are made as of the date hereof and the Company assumes no obligation to update or supplement any forwardlooking statements.