CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC Form 8-K May 11, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): May 11, 2018

THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY INCORPORATED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **0-20574** (Commission File Number) **51-0340466** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

26901 Malibu Hills Road Calabasas Hills, California 91301

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code (818) 871-3000

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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):

o Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company O

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. O

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

In a press release dated May 11, 2018, The Cheesecake Factory Incorporated (the Company) announced the appointment of Scarlett May as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company, effective May 14, 2018. She will succeed Debby R. Zurzolo, who announced earlier this year her plan to retire. In addition, the Company named Keith T. Carango as President of The Cheesecake Factory Bakery Incorporated. He succeeds Max S. Byfuglin, who retired from the Company in April 2018.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated May 11, 2018 entitled, The Cheesecake Factory Announces Senior Leadership Appointments

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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: May 11, 2018

THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY INCORPORATED

By:

/s/ Matthew E. Clark Matthew E. Clark Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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