

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE INC
Form 8-K
April 22, 2005

**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) **April 18, 2005**

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-15935 (Commission File Number)	59-3061413 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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2202 North West Shore Boulevard, Suite 500, Tampa, Florida 33607
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(813) 282-1225**

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:

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

b. Resignation of Principal Financial and Accounting Officer.

On April 18, 2005, Robert S. Merritt announced that he will retire as Chief Financial Officer and resign as a member of the Board of Directors of Outback Steakhouse, Inc. ("the Company") effective May 27, 2005. The Company is in the process of searching for Mr. Merritt's successor.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press Release dated April 21, 2005

SIGNATURE

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.

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: April 22, 2005

By: **/s/ Joseph J. Kadow**
Joseph J. Kadow
Senior Vice President, Secretary
and
General Counsel