

**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): September 11, 2018

CHUY'S HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-35603
(Commission
File Number)

20-5717694
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1623 Toomey Rd.
Austin, Texas 78704
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(512) 473-2783**

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications 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 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

- Emerging growth company

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.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 11, 2018, the board of directors (the “Board”) of Chuy’s Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed John Mountford as the Company’s Chief Operating Officer.

John Mountford, age 56, has served as the Company's Vice President of Culinary Operations since 2016. He joined the Company in 2010 and served as an Area Supervisor of Operations from 2010 to 2013 and as a Director of Culinary Operations from 2013 to 2016.

Prior to joining the Company, John was with Sam Seltzers Steak House from 2006 to 2010. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 2007 to 2010 and Vice President of Operations from 2006 to 2007. Prior to Sam Seltzers, John served in various operational leadership positions, including Vice President of Culinary Operations for Cooker Bar and Grill, and Director of Culinary Operations for Houston’s Restaurants where he opened over 30 new restaurants.

Mr. Mountford will receive an annual base salary of \$207,500 and will be eligible to receive a target annual bonus of 30% of his annual base salary, based upon the achievement of goals and objectives determined by our compensation committee with a minimum and maximum bonus of 0% and 60% of his annual base salary, respectively.

In connection with his appointment as Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Mountford entered into the Company’s standard form of indemnification agreement. Additionally, there are no relationships between Mr. Mountford and the Company that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit
Number**

Description

[10.1](#) Form of Director and Officer Indemnification Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 of Amendment No. 7 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-176097), filed on July 11, 2012)

[99.1](#) Press Release dated September 14, 2018

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.

CHUY'S HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Jon W. Howie

Jon W. Howie

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 14, 2018



Chuy's Holdings, Inc. Names John Mountford Chief Operating Officer

AUSTIN, TX - September 14, 2018 - Chuy's Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: CHUY) today announced that John Mountford has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer, effective September 11, 2018.

"I am very pleased to promote John to the role of Chief Operating Officer" said Steve J. Hislop, Chuy's Chief Executive Officer. "For the past eight years, John has consistently proved his leadership and operational acumen, including most recently overseeing our culinary/back of the house operations and ensuring that our food quality is consistent and true to the Chuy's legacy. As a seasoned and trusted leader, I am confident that John will continue to inspire our teams to provide the exceptional service and food quality that our guests have come to expect."

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About Chuy's

Founded in Austin, Texas in 1982, Chuy's owns and operates 98 full-service restaurants across 19 states serving a distinct menu of authentic, made from scratch Tex-Mex inspired dishes. Chuy's highly flavorful and freshly prepared fare is served in a fun, eclectic and irreverent atmosphere, while each location offers a unique, "unchained" look and feel, as expressed by the concept's motto "If you've seen one Chuy's, you've seen one Chuy's!". For further information about Chuy's, including the nearest location, visit the Chuy's website at www.chuys.com.

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