

PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 8-K

February 09, 2018

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**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 9, 2018**

**Papa John's International, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-21660**

(Commission File Number)

**61-1203323**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2002 Papa John's Boulevard**

**Louisville, Kentucky 40299-2367**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(502) 261-7272**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**N/A**

(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:

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.

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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.**

On February 9, 2018, Papa John's International, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Steven R. Coke, 39, the Company's Vice President of Investor Relations and Strategy, to the positions of principal financial and accounting officer of the Company on an interim basis, effective March 2, 2018, the previously announced date of departure of Lance Tucker, the Company's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer. The Company has commenced a search for a permanent chief financial officer.

Steven R. Coke has served as Vice President, Strategic Planning since January 2015, after serving as Senior Director, Strategy since April 2012 and Senior Director, Restaurant Finance since June 2011. He has served in various director and manager level positions with increasing responsibility in Finance since joining the company in May 1998. Mr. Coke is a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Mr. Coke has no direct or indirect material interest in any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K, has no arrangement or understanding between him and any other person required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 401(b) of Regulation S-K and has no family relationships required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 401(d) of Regulation S-K. Mr. Coke participates in the compensation programs as outlined in the Company's definitive proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting of stockholders filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 23, 2017, which information is incorporated by reference herein.

**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.

**PAPA JOHN'S  
INTERNATIONAL,  
INC.**

(Registrant)

Date: February 9, 2018 /s/ Steve M. Ritchie  
Steve M. Ritchie  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer