#### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Ware Michaela M		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC [EAT]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	10/02/20174. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
6820 LBJ FREEWAY (Street)			(Check all applicable)		)	6. Individual or Joint/Group		
DALLAS, TX 75240				Director10% Ov XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below VP of Finance & IR		r	<ul> <li>Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	able I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of S (Instr. 4)	Security		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr	•	
Common	n Stock		7,181.439		D	Â		
Common Stock		2,992.542	2,992.542		By 401(k) Plan			
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/30/2013 <u>(1)</u>	08/30/2020	Common Stock	0	\$ 34.82	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	10/20/2011 <u>(1)</u>	10/20/2018	Common Stock	0	\$ 19.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/25/2012 <u>(1)</u>	08/25/2019	Common Stock	0	\$ 21.79	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/29/2014 <u>(1)</u>	08/29/2021	Common Stock	0	\$ 40.76	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/28/2015 <u>(1)</u>	08/28/2022	Common Stock	0	\$ 49.04	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/27/2016(1)	08/27/2023	Common Stock	0	\$ 54.15	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/25/2017(1)	08/25/2024	Common Stock	0	\$ 54.33	D	Â
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy	08/31/2018 <u>(1)</u>	08/31/2025	Common Stock	0	\$ 31.22	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Ware Michaela M 6820 LBJ FREEWAY DALLAS, TX 75240	Â	Â	VP of Finance & IR	Â		

# Signatures

Christopher L. Green, Attorney-in-Fact for Michaela M. Ware	10/11/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Options vest in installments on or after the date shown.

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