

**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 1, 2020

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34851
(Commission
File Number)

84-1573084
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

**6312 S. Fiddler's Green Circle, Suite 200N
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111**
(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

(303) 846-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	RRGB	NASDAQ (Global Select Market)

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 8.01 Other Events.

On April 1, 2020, the Company issued a press release providing a business and operational update related to COVID-19. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated April 1, 2020 providing business and operational update related to COVID-19.

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: April 7, 2020

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael L. Kaplan

Michael L. Kaplan

Executive Vice President & Chief Legal Officer

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers Provides Business and Operational Update Related to COVID-19

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo.--Apr. 1, 2020-- Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (NASDAQ: RRGB) ("Red Robin" or the "Company") today announced several measures it is taking in response to the escalating COVID-19 pandemic.

Paul J.B. Murphy III, Red Robin's President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are navigating an unprecedented time for our business, industry and country as we collectively work to combat the global COVID-19 crisis. With the health, safety, and well-being of Red Robin's Team Members, Guests and communities as our top priority, we have shifted our restaurants to an off-premise model and are strictly adhering to CDC, state and local guidelines."

Murphy added, "We are encouraged by our continuing off-premise sales momentum, which has more than doubled over the past two weeks compared to our trends before the impact of COVID-19. This will help mitigate the decline in comparable restaurant revenues due to the closure of dine-in services at substantially all Red Robin-operated restaurants and enable us to focus on optimizing the execution of our off-premise channels both during and following the crisis. Thanks to the tireless work of our great Team Members, we are grateful we can continue serving our Guests with to-go, delivery and catering options and providing convenient meal solutions during this unprecedented time."

Business & Outlook Update

To preserve liquidity, enhance financial flexibility and help mitigate the impact of COVID-19, Red Robin has taken or is taking the following decisive actions:

- Temporarily closed dine-in services at substantially all Red Robin-operated restaurants while continuing to provide to-go, delivery and catering choices and ensuring the continuity of the Company's supply chain;
- Implemented enhanced health and safety protocols across the business, emergency sick pay for hourly Team Members and telecommuting policies for nearly all corporate level employees;
- Meaningfully reduced restaurant level costs and selling, general and administrative expenses, including reducing executive base salaries by twenty percent, effective March 30, 2020, and reducing Board member cash retainer fees by twenty percent, while continuing to market off-premise opportunities primarily through digital channels;
- Postponing or eliminating all non-essential spending, including capital expenditures for previously planned growth and other projects, including the Company's continued rollout of Donato's, restaurant refreshes and IT projects;
- Drew down remaining capacity under the Company's \$300 million credit facility, bringing Red Robin's cash balance to more than \$91 million as of the end of our last fiscal week on March 29, 2020; and
- Suspended share repurchases and terminated the Company's pre-arranged stock trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

In light of the ongoing uncertainty regarding the duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Red Robin is withdrawing its 2020 and long-term financial outlook. The Company is currently in its fiscal first quarter, which ends on April 19, 2020.

Murphy concluded, "We are confident the actions we are taking will ultimately provide us ample liquidity and allow Red Robin to emerge in an even stronger position when the recovery begins. We look forward to resuming normal operations at the appropriate time and continuing the execution of our strategic plan to drive long-term growth and value-creation for our shareholders and other stakeholders. On behalf of Red Robin's entire leadership and Board, I want to thank our hard-working teams for their dedication in delivering our brand promise while staying vigilant in their commitment to health and safety and serving the needs of our communities under these most trying conditions."

About Red Robin

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (www.redrobin.com), a casual dining restaurant chain founded in 1969 that operates through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Red Robin International, Inc., and under the trade name, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers and Brews, is the Gourmet Burger Authority™, famous for serving more than two dozen craveable, high-quality burgers with Bottomless Steak Fries® in a fun environment welcoming to guests of all ages. At Red Robin, burgers are more than just something guests eat; they're a bonding experience that brings together friends and families, kids and adults. In addition to its many burger offerings, Red Robin serves a wide variety of salads, soups, appetizers, entrees, desserts and signature beverages. Red Robin offers a variety of options behind the bar, including its extensive selection of local and regional beers, and cocktails. It's now easy to take Red Robin anywhere with online ordering for to-go and Gourmet Burger Bar catering pickups through Yummm2Go. There are more than 550 Red Robin restaurants across the United States and Canada, including those operating under franchise agreements. Red Robin... YUMMM®! Connect with Red Robin on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

Forward-Looking Statements

Forward-looking statements in this press release are made under the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include, without limitation, statements regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's business, the ability of the Company's restaurants to operate on an a substantially all off-premise model, additional measures to further preserve financial flexibility, adherence to the guidance of the CDC and local health departments, further strengthening of the Company's liquidity position and the Company's ability to overcome near-term operating conditions and be better positioned for the long term. These statements are based on assumptions believed by the Company to be reasonable and speak only as of the date on which such statements are made. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, words such as "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "project," "will" or "estimate," or the negative or other variations thereof or comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Except as required by law, the Company undertakes no obligation to update such statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after such date and cautions investors not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the statements based on a number of factors, including but not limited to the following: the rapidly evolving nature of the COVID-19 outbreak and related containment measures, including the potential for a complete shutdown of Company and franchised restaurants; economic, public health, and political conditions that impact consumer confidence and spending, including the impact of COVID-19 and other health epidemics or pandemics on the global economy; changes in unemployment rates; changes in laws impacting the Company's business, including increases in minimum wages and benefit costs; the economic health of the Company's landlords and other tenants in retail centers in which its restaurants are located; the economic health of suppliers, licensees, vendors, and other third parties providing goods or services to the Company; the ability to continue to increase off-premise sales; the effectiveness of the Company's marketing strategies and promotions and menu changes; the ability to achieve significant cost savings; the cost and availability of key food products, distribution, labor, and energy; the effectiveness of the Company's long term strategic initiatives; the cost and availability of capital or credit facility borrowings; the adequacy of cash flows or available debt resources to fund operations; the impact of federal, state, and local regulation of the Company's business; and other risk factors described from time to time in the Company's Form 10-K, Form 10-Q, and Form 8-K reports (including all amendments to those reports) filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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