
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, DC 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 11, 2005

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

0-49916
(Commission File Number)

84-1573084
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6312 S. Fiddler's Green Circle, Suite 200N
Greenwood Village, CO
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

80111
(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable
Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report

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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 2.01 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On April 11, 2005, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release reporting, among other things, selected preliminary financial results of the Company for the first quarter and sixteen weeks ending on April 17, 2005. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc., Press Release, dated April 11, 2005

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS, INC.,
a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ James P. McCloskey

Date: April 11, 2005

James P. McCloskey,
Chief Financial Officer

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**Red Robin Gourmet Burgers Increases Earnings Guidance for First Quarter and
Updates Guidance for Full Year 2005**

Greenwood Village, CO -- (BUSINESS WIRE) - April 11, 2005 - Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (Nasdaq: RRGBE), a casual dining restaurant chain that serves an imaginative selection of high quality gourmet burgers to America's families, particularly women, teens and tweens, today announced updated guidance for the fiscal first quarter and full year 2005.

For the first quarter and sixteen weeks ending on April 17, 2005 the Company expects total revenues of approximately \$141 to \$142 million and net income of approximately \$0.46 to \$0.47 per diluted share. The Company had previously forecast first quarter revenues of \$140 to \$142 million and net income of \$0.42 to \$0.43 per diluted share. The updated estimate gives effect to the recently-announced changes to the Company's lease accounting, which the Company expects will reduce net income for the quarter from the previous forecast by approximately \$0.01 per diluted share. The Company expects the effect of the changes to its lease accounting to be offset by reductions in general and administrative costs, due primarily to lower than expected headcount and marketing expenses. These projected results are based upon certain assumptions, including an expected comparable restaurant sales increase of 5.3% to 5.5%, the opening of eight new company-owned restaurants during the quarter and the expensing of the associated pre-opening costs which include the expensing of holiday rent.

For full fiscal year 2005, the Company expects revenues of approximately \$491 to \$495 million and net income of \$1.73 to \$1.75 per diluted share. The Company had previously forecasted revenues for the year of \$490 to \$495 million and net income of \$1.75 to \$1.77 per diluted share. The effect on net income of the recently-announced changes to the Company's lease accounting is estimated to be approximately (\$0.05) per diluted share from the previous forecast. This estimate assumes a comparable restaurant sales increase of 3% to 4%, the addition of 26 to 28 new corporate restaurants and 15 to 17 new franchise restaurants during fiscal 2005. The estimate for full year 2005 does not take into account the requirement for expensing of stock options, which will become effective beginning in the third quarter of this year.

About Red Robin Gourmet Burgers

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers (www.redrobin.com) is a casual dining restaurant chain that serves an imaginative selection of high quality gourmet burgers to America's families, particularly women, teens and tweens. Red Robin serves gourmet burgers in a variety of recipes with bottomless fries, as well as many other items including salads, soups, appetizers, entrees, desserts, and its signature Mad Mixology[®] specialty beverages. There are more than 260 Red Robin locations across the United States and Canada, including both company-owned locations and those operated under franchise or license agreements.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain information contained in this press release includes forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding our expectations, beliefs, intentions, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance and underlying assumptions and other statements which are other than statements of historical facts. These statements may be identified, without limitation, by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "anticipates," "expects," "believes," "intends," "should" or comparable terms or the negative thereof. All forward-looking statements included in this press release are based on information available to us on the date hereof. Such statements speak only as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to update such forward-looking statements for any reason, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future. These statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ

materially from those described in the statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following: our ability to achieve and manage our planned expansion; our ability to raise capital in the future; the ability of our franchisees to open and manage new restaurants; our franchisees' adherence to our practices, policies and procedures; changes in the availability and cost of food; potential fluctuation in our quarterly operating results due to seasonality and other factors; the continued service of key management personnel; the concentration of our restaurants in the Western United States; our ability to protect our name and logo and other proprietary information; changes in consumer preferences, general economic conditions or consumer discretionary spending; health concerns about our food products and food preparation; our ability to attract, motivate and retain qualified team members; the impact of federal, state or local government regulations relating to our team members or the sale of food or alcoholic beverages; the impact of litigation; the effect of competition in the restaurant industry; cost and availability of capital; our ability to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting; additional costs associated with compliance and corporate governance, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related regulations and requirements; the continued listing of our common stock on the The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.; and other risk factors described from time to time in SEC reports filed by Red Robin.

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