

**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) July 30, 2012

**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**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**40299-2334**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(502) 261-7272**

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):

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- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On July 30, 2012, Papa John’s International, Inc. (the “Company”) announced the appointment of Anthony N. Thompson as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to his new appointment, Mr. Thompson served as Executive Vice President, Global Operations since July, 2011, and he will continue to serve as President, PJ Food Service, a position to which he was appointed in May 2010. Mr. Thompson joined Papa John’s in 2006 and has held the positions of Executive Vice President, North American Operations from December 2010 to July 2011, Senior Vice President, PJ Food Service from 2009 to May 2010 and Vice President, QCC Operations from 2006 to 2009.

Also on July 30, the Company announced that Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Lance F. Tucker will also assume the duties of Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. Tucker previously served as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since February 2011, and he held the positions of Chief of Staff and Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning from June 2010 to February 2011, after serving as Chief of Staff and Vice President, Strategic Planning since June 2009. Mr. Tucker was previously employed by the Company from 1994 to 1999 working in its finance department. From 2003 to 2009, Mr. Tucker served as Chief Financial Officer of Evergreen Real Estate, a company owned by John Schnatter. Mr. Tucker is a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

A copy of the Company’s press release announcing the new appointments is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits*

The following document is furnished as an exhibit to this report:

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Papa John’s International, Inc. press release dated July 30, 2012.

## 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: July 30, 2012

/s/ Lance F. Tucker

Lance F. Tucker

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer, Chief Administrative Officer and

Treasurer

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**Papa John's Announces Senior Management Promotions*****Tony Thompson promoted to Chief Operating Officer and President, PJ Food Service; Lance Tucker named Chief Financial Officer, Chief Administrative Officer and Treasurer; and Tim O'Hern named Chief Development Officer***

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 30, 2012--Papa John's International, Inc. (NASDAQ: PZZA) today announced the promotion of Tony Thompson to Chief Operating Officer and President, PJ Food Service. Thompson, who most recently served as Executive Vice President, Global Operations and President, PJ Food Service, will continue to report to Papa John's Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John Schnatter.

"Tony has been a tremendous asset to the entire Papa John's system," said Schnatter. "His leadership, vision and drive have helped the company achieve tremendous results over the past 18 months, and have helped position the company for long-term success."

Thompson is responsible for leading the company's global operations and will continue to lead the operations of PJ Food Service, Inc., Papa John's food manufacturing and distribution subsidiary; Quality Control Center Operations; Strategic Supply Chain Management; and Research & Development/Quality Assurance functions.

The company also announced Lance Tucker, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, will assume the additional role of Chief Administrative Officer, and the promotion of Tim O'Hern to Chief Development Officer. Tucker will continue to report to Schnatter, and O'Hern will report to Thompson. Tucker, who first joined Papa John's in 1994, will now oversee the legal and corporate communications functions in addition to his finance and accounting responsibilities. O'Hern, who first joined Papa John's in 1996, will continue to lead Papa John's global development efforts.

"Lance and Tim have played integral roles in the growth and success of Papa John's for nearly two decades," said Schnatter. "I am confident in their abilities to keep moving the company forward as we continue to focus on accelerated unit growth and strong unit economics."

Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, Papa John's International, Inc. (NASDAQ: PZZA) is the world's third largest pizza company. For 11 of the past 13 years, consumers have rated Papa John's No. 1 in customer satisfaction among all national pizza chains in the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). Papa John's also earned the 2012 Harris Poll EquiTrend® Pizza Brand of the Year. Papa John's is the Official Pizza Sponsor of the National Football League and Super Bowl XLVII. For more information about the company or to order pizza online, visit Papa John's at [www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.com).

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### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain matters discussed in this press release and other company communications constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Generally, the use of words such as “expect,” “estimate,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “will,” “forecast,” “plan,” “project,” or similar words identify forward-looking statements that we intend to be included within the safe harbor protections provided by the federal securities laws. Such statements may relate to projections concerning revenue, earnings, margins, unit growth and other financial and operational measures. Such statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from those matters expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements.

The risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are involved in our forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: changes in pricing or other marketing or promotional strategies by competitors which may adversely affect sales, including an increase in or continuation of the aggressive pricing and promotional environment; new product and concept developments by food industry competitors; the ability of the company and its franchisees to meet planned growth targets and operate new and existing restaurants profitably; general economic conditions and resulting impact on consumer buying habits; changes in consumer preferences; increases in or sustained high costs of food ingredients and other commodities, paper, utilities, fuel, employee compensation and benefits, insurance and similar costs (including the impact of the implementation of federal health care legislation); the ability of the company to pass along increases in or sustained high costs to franchisees or consumers; the impact of legal claims and current proposed legislation impacting our business; the impact that product recalls, food quality or safety issues, and general public health concerns could have on our restaurants; and increased risks associated with our international operations. These and other risk factors are discussed in detail in “Part I. Item 1A. - Risk Factors” of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2011. We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of future events, new information or otherwise.

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