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Form 8-K August 28, 2001

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): August 27, 2001

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, INC.(R)

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-15935 59-3061413
----(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer

of incorporation) Identification No.)

2202 North Westshore Boulevard,5th Floor

Tampa, Florida 33607
-----(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (813) 282-1225

Not applicable.

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

- ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS
 - (c) EXHIBIT

NUMBER DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press release dated August 27, 2001 (filed herewith).

- ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE
 - On August 27, 2001, the Registrant issued a news release entitled "Outback

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Steakhouse and Bonefish Grill Announce Agreement in Principle To Co-Develop Future Restaurants", and a copy is being filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURE

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.

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, INC. (R)

DATED: August 27, 2001. By: /s/ Robert S. Merritt

Robert S. Merritt, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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Press release dated August 27, 2001.

EXHIBIT 99.1

Press Release dated August 27, 2001

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE AND BONEFISH GRILL

ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE

TO CO-DEVELOP FUTURE RESTAURANTS

Tampa, FL -- August 27, 2001 -- Outback Steakhouse, Inc. (NYSE - OSI) which operates 819 casual and upscale casual restaurants internationally, and Bonefish Grill Restaurants which operates two casual restaurants in the Tampa Bay area coannounced today that they have entered into an agreement in principle to co-develop future Bonefish Grills.

Founded in January of 2000 in St. Petersburg, Florida by veteran restaurateurs Tim Curci and Chris Parker, Bonefish Grill

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features a stellar collection of finfish -- cooked over an oakburning grill -- hand-cut beef, and pasta and chicken dishes each with its own enhanced flavors.

Outback Steakhouse, Inc. operates 708 Outback Steakhouses, 93 Carrabba's Italian Grills, seven Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bars, eight Roy's and one Lee Roy Selmon's in 49 states and 19 countries internationally.