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): May 14, 2018

CHANTICLEER HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-35570	20-2932652
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	(IRS Employer
of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)
	7621 Little Avenue, Suite 414 Charlotte, North Carolina 28226 (Address of principal executive offices)	
Regis	trant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 366-512	2
· ·	N/A ormer name or former address, if changed since last report.) ntended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the r	egistrant under any of the following provisions:
[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under th	e Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
[] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the E	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))	

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 14, 2018, Chanticleer Holdings Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2018. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The Company will host a webcast and conference call on Monday May 14, 2018 at 4:30 PM ET/1:30 PM PT. To access the call, dial 1-877-407-0784 approximately five minutes prior to the scheduled start time. International callers please dial 1-201-689-8560. To access the webcast, log into the following link: http://public.viavid.com/index.php?id=129455.

The broadcast will be archived online upon completion of the conference call. A telephonic replay of the conference call will also be available until 11:59 p.m. ET on Thursday, June 14, 2018 by dialing (844) 512-2921 in the U.S. and Canada and (412) 317-6671 internationally and entering the pin number: 13679123.

Use of Non-GAAP Measures

Chanticleer Holdings, Inc. prepares its condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). In addition to disclosing financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP, the Company discloses information regarding Adjusted EBITDA and Restaurant EBITDA, which differ from the term EBITDA as it is commonly used. In addition to adjusting net income (loss) from continuing operations to exclude taxes, interest, and depreciation and amortization, Adjusted EBITDA also excludes pre-opening and closing costs for our restaurants, non- cash expenses, transaction and severance related expenses, change in fair value of derivative liability and other income and expenses. In addition, Restaurant EBITDA also excludes management fee income, franchise revenue and general and administrative expenses. Adjusted EBITDA and restaurant EBITDA are not measures of performance defined in accordance with GAAP. However, adjusted EBITDA and restaurant EBITDA are used internally in planning and evaluating the Company's operating performance and by the Company's creditors. Accordingly, management believes that disclosure of these metrics offers investors, bankers and other stakeholders an additional view of the Company's operations that, when coupled with the GAAP results, provides a more complete understanding of the Company's financial results. Adjusted EBITDA and Restaurant EBITDA should not be considered as alternatives to net loss or to net cash used in operating activities as a measure of operating results or of liquidity. It may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies, and it excludes financial information that some may consider important in evaluating the company's performance. A reconciliation of GAAP net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA and Restaurant EBITDA is included in the accompanying financial schedules to the press release. For further information, please refer to Chanticleer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to be filed wi

The information in this Item 2.02 and Exhibit 99.1 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, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 11, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company appointed David P. Osborn to serve as director.

Mr. Osborn has been the Senior Vice President of Advisory Services for HealthTrust since November 2016. In this role he directs and supports HealthTrust's advisory services and consulting practices, including its offerings in Total Spend Management, Supply Chain Management, Workforce and Labor Management, and Clinical Performance. He has over 30 years of experience consulting with healthcare clients in the areas of business strategy, operations, innovation and technology.

From November 2014 to November 2016, he served as senior executive for Parallon (Nashville, TN). From April 2013 to November 2014 he served as a Managing Director at KPMG, a global consulting firm. He has also held a leadership position at Andersen Consulting (now Accenture).

Mr. Osborn currently serves as Chairman of the Board for Blue Coast Burrito, a company that owns and operates fast-casual, southwest-style restaurants in four states in the southeastern United States. He also serves as the Chairman of the Board for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Middle Tennessee and serves on the Advisory Boards for the American Heart Association and the Mercy Children's Clinic.

Mr. Osborn is a graduate of Harding University and holds a Ph.D. in Management from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

There are no arrangements or understandings between the newly appointed director and any other persons pursuant to which he was appointed director. There are no family relationships between the newly appointed director and Chanticleer's other directors or executive officers. There are no current or proposed transactions in which the newly appointed director has a direct or indirect material interest in which Chanticleer is involved and in which the amount involved exceeds the lesser of \$120,000 or one percent of the average of Chanticleer's total assets at year-end for the last two completed fiscal years.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit relating to Item 2.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

99.1 Press release of Chanticleer Holdings Inc. dated May 14, 2018.

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 duly authorized.

Chanticleer Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

(Registrant)

Date: May 14, 2018 By: /s/ Michael D. Pruitt

Name: Michael D. Pruitt
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Chanticleer Holdings Reports First Quarter Operating Results

CHARLOTTE, NC – May 14, 2018 — Chanticleer Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: BURG) ("Chanticleer," or the "Company"), owner, operator and franchisor of multiple branded restaurants in the U.S. and abroad, today announced its first quarter financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2018.

First Quarter Financial and Operational Highlights

- Total revenue of \$10.0 million increased 1.4% compared to the same period last year. Growth in our Better Burger and Hooters businesses were offset by lower traffic in our Just Fresh business and the closure of underperforming locations.
- G&A decreased 13.2% to \$1.2 million compared with \$1.4 million in the prior year.
- Net loss attributable to Common Shareholders was \$2.6 million, \$(0.83) per share, compared to \$1.8 million, \$(0.79) per share in the prior year. Excluding the non-cash impairment charges, net loss attributable to Common Shareholders would have been approximately \$1.0 million or \$(0.30) per share.
- Non-Gaap Restaurant EBITDA improved to \$1.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$0.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017.
- Non-Gaap Adjusted EBITDA improved to \$0.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to a loss of \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017.
- Cash from operating activities was positive \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to negative \$0.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017.
- Opened one company store and one franchise stores Purchased one previously franchised store
- Entered into partnership with NASCAR superstar Denny Hamlin for Little Big Burger with option on nine additional stores.

Mike Pruitt, Chairman and CEO of Chanticleer commented, "We're pleased with our Q1 2018 financial results. All of our core operating units exceeded our internal budgets. As indicated previously, we continue to believe the Company has reached an inflection point as we accelerate growth of our Little Big Burger concept with new locations generating above average unit economics and many outperforming our expectations. This growth phase consists of a robust pipeline of locations to support future growth, currently expecting to open 8-12 new Little Big Burger stores annually going forward, with upside to those expectations as new franchisees come on line."

Pruitt continued, "Todays results are tangible progress towards the execution of our evolving and narrowing our strategic focus and allocation of resources to the domestic better burger segment where we generate the highest margins and rates of return. As we continue to increase focus on the domestic burger business, we are continuing to evaluate the potential sale of our domestic non-burger and international operations which would streamline the Company's operations and significantly increase operating margins going forward."

Conference Call

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For further information, please refer to Chanticleer's Annual Report on Form 10-Q to be filed with the SEC on or about May 14, 2018, available online awww.sec.gov.

About Chanticleer Holdings, Inc.

Headquartered in Charlotte, NC, Chanticleer Holdings (BURG), owns, operates and franchises fast casual and full-service restaurant brands, including American Burger Company, BGR – Burgers Grilled Right, Little Big Burger, Just Fresh and Hooters.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include projections, predictions, expectations or statements as to beliefs or future events or results or refer to other matters that are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by these statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release are based on various factors and were derived using numerous assumptions. In some cases, you can identify these forward-looking statements by the words "anticipate", "estimate", "plan", "project", "continuing", "ongoing", "target", "aim", "expect", "believe", "intend", "may", "will", "should", "could", or the negative of those words and other comparable words.

Our operations involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are outside our control, and any one of which, or a combination of which, could materially affect our results of operations and whether the forward-looking statements ultimately prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements in this press release include, without limitation, statements reflecting management's expectations for future financial performance and operating expenditures, expected growth, profitability and business outlook, increased sales and marketing expenses, and the expected results from the integration of our acquisitions.

Forward-looking statements are only current predictions and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from those anticipated by such statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the Company's ability to manage growth; integrate acquisitions; manage debt; meet development goals; and other important risks and uncertainties referenced and discussed under the heading titled "Risk Factors" in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements contained in this press release are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements.

The statements in this press release are made as of the date of this press release, even if subsequently made available by the Company on its website or otherwise. The Company does not assume any obligations to update the forward-looking statements provided to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

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Chanticleer Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	March 31, 2018 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2017
ASSETS		
Current assets:	444.004	
Cash	\$ 411,081	\$ 272,976
Restricted cash	102,584	165,517
Accounts and other receivables, net	344,769	475,988
Inventories	388,490	460,756 324,324
Prepaid expenses and other current assets Assets held for sale, net	247,554	
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,584,478	1,799,561
Property and equipment, net	8,203,981	8,548,592
Goodwill	10,164,374	12,647,806
Intangible assets, net	5,759,818	5,896,732
Investment, at cost	800,000	800,000
Deposits and other assets	452,957	490,328
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 28,965,608	\$ 30,183,019
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,305,556	\$ 5,797,252
Current maturities of long-term debt and notes payable net of unamortized discount and deferred financing	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	, , , , ,
costs of \$880,043 and \$1,173,190, respectively	5,957,262	5,741,911
Current maturities of convertible notes payable	3,000,000	3,000,000
Due to related parties	191,850	191,850
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	15,454,668	14,731,013
Convertible notes payable, net of unamortized debt premium of \$0 and \$12,256, respectively		212,256
Redeemable preferred stock: no par value; authorized 5,000,000 shares; 62,876 shares issued and outstanding,		,
net of unamortized discount of \$200,002 and \$208,697, respectively	648,824	640,129
Deferred rent	2,107,173	2,156,378
Deferred tax liabilities	443,163	779,359
Deferred revenue	1,236,636	175,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	19,890,464	18,694,135
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock: \$0.0001 par value; authorized 45,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 3,222,209 and		
3,045,809 shares, respectively	323	305
Additional paid-in capital	61,263,606	60,750,330
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(109,960)	(934,901)
Accumulated deficit	(52,776,873)	(49,109,303)
Total Chanticleer Holdings, Inc, Stockholders' Equity	8,377,096	10,706,431
Non-Controlling Interests	698,048	782,453
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	9,075,144	11,488,884
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 28,965,608	\$ 30,183,019

Chanticleer Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

Three	Months	Ended
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	Ma	rch 31, 2018	M	arch 31, 2017
Revenue:				
Restaurant sales, net	\$	9,769,508	\$	9,653,154
Gaming income, net		93,155		106,067
Management fee income		25,000		24,990
Franchise income		107,853		75,786
Total revenue		9,995,516		9,859,997
Expenses:				
Restaurant cost of sales		3,276,175		3,191,390
Restaurant operating expenses		5,586,149		5,674,560
Restaurant pre-opening and closing expenses		102,882		14,435
General and administrative expenses		1,193,417		1,375,620
Asset impairment charge		1,677,055		-
Depreciation and amortization		540,679		593,380
Total operating expenses		12,376,357		10,849,385
Operating loss		(2,380,841)		(989,388)
Other (expense) income	•			
Interest expense		(635,081)		(404,136)
Gain (loss) on debt refinancing		-		(362,822)
Other income (expense)		(2,114)		12,234
Total other expense	•	(637,195)		(754,724)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes		(3,018,036)		(1,744,112)
Income tax expense		336,197		(3,797)
Consolidated net loss		(2,681,839)		(1,747,909)
Less net loss attributable to non-controlling interest:				
Continuing operations		84,407		20,843
Net loss attributable to Chanticleer Holdings, Inc.	\$	(2,597,432)	\$	(1,727,066)
Dividends on redeemable preferred stock		(27,794)		(24,147)
Net loss attributable to common shareholders of Chanticleer Holdings, Inc.	\$	(2,625,226)	\$	(1,751,213)
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Net loss attributable to Chanticleer Holdings, Inc. per common				
share, basic and diluted:	\$	(0.83)	\$	(0.79)
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic and diluted		3,165,972		2,210,624
		2,100,712		3,210,021

Chanticleer Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Three	Months	Ended
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_ Ma	rch 31, 2018	Ma	arch 31, 2017
\$	(2,681,839)	\$	(1,747,909)
	540,679		593,380
			362,822
	1,677,055		-
	-		102,791
	289,787		122,694
			175,478
			14,054
			19,526
	/		(231,283)
	. , ,		-
	(49,205)		15,793
	119,998		(572,654)
	(166,589)		(450,641)
	(30,000)		_
	(196,589)		(450,641)
	290,000		_
	,		591,651
	_		(258,153)
	-		512,780
	(134,229)		(194,069)
	`		(4,779)
	_		375,000
	155,771		1,022,430
·	(4,008)		10,110
			9,245
			268,575
\$		9	277,820
		540,679 1,677,055 289,787 148,427 48,238 12,556 470,496 (336,196) (49,205) 119,998 (166,589) (30,000) (196,589) 290,000 (134,229) 155,771	\$ (2,681,839) \$ 540,679 1,677,055

Chanticleer Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries Reconcilation of Net Loss to EBITDA (Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended			
	M	March 31, 2018		March 31, 2017	
Consolidated net loss	\$	(2,681,839)	\$	(1,747,909)	
Interest expense		635,081		404,136	
Income tax		(336,197)		3,797	
Depreciation and amortization		540,679		593,380	
EBITDA	\$	(1,842,276)	\$	(746,596)	
Restaurant pre-opening and closing expenses		102,882		14,435	
Operating results of restuarants closed in period		19,080		-	
(Gain) loss on debt refinancing		-		362,822	
Asset impairment charge		1,677,055		-	
Transaction and severence related expenses		-		92,750	
Other income (expense)		2,114		(12,234)	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	(41,145)	\$	(288,823)	
General and administrative expenses		1,193,417		1,282,870	
Franchise revenues		(107,853)		(75,786)	
Management fee revenue		(25,000)		(24,990)	
Restaurant EBITDA	\$	1,019,419	\$	893,271	