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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 7, 2016

#### BLOOMIN' BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-35625 20-8023465

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2202 North West Shore Boulevard, Suite 500, Tampa, Florida 33607 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

N/A

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

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## Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 7, 2016, a subsidiary of Bloomin' Brands, Inc. (the "Company") entered into an agreement to sell its South Korean business for approximately \$49.4 million (based on current exchange rates) in cash, subject to adjustment. The sale is expected to be completed in the Company's third fiscal quarter, subject to customary closing conditions. Upon completion of the sale, the Company's restaurant locations in South Korea will be operated as franchises under an agreement with the buyer.

In connection with the sale, the Company expects to recognize a pre-tax impairment charge, of approximately \$9.0 million to \$13.0 million during the thirteen weeks ended June 26, 2016, as well as additional tax liabilities, including incremental taxes on earnings that were previously considered permanently reinvested. These charges are expected to be excluded from the Company's adjusted metrics since they are not indicative of the Company's core operating performance. The amounts and timing of all estimates are preliminary and subject to a number of assumptions, and actual results may differ.

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## **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.

BLOOMIN' BRANDS, INC. (Registrant)

Date: July 11, 2016 By:/s/ Joseph J. Kadow Joseph J. Kadow

Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

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