NOODLES & Co Form 8-K July 27, 2017

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 26, 2017 NOODLES & COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delawar ©01-35987 84-1303469 (State or Other (Commission (I.R.S. Jurisdicti File Number) Employer of

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Incorporation)} & \begin{array}{c} \text{Identification} \\ \text{No.)} \end{array}$

520 Zang Street, Suite D, 80021 Broomfield, CO (Address of

Principal (Zip Code)

Offices)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (720) 214-1900

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company x

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. x

Item 8.01. Other Events

On July 26, 2017, the board of directors (the "Board") of Noodles & Company (the "Company") appointed Jeffrey W. Jones to serve as the lead independent director of the Board, effective immediately. Mr. Jones has served as a director of the Company and as Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Board since September 2013. He has also served on the Board's Compensation Committee since August 2015.

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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.

Noodles & Company

By: /s/ Dave Boenninghausen Name: Dave Boenninghausen Title: Chief Executive Officer

DATE: July 26, 2017