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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): June 25, 2015**

**NOODLES & COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-35987**  
(Commission File Number)

**84-1303469**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**520 Zang Street, Suite D, Broomfield, CO**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**80021**  
(Zip Code)

**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))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On June 25, 2015, Noodles & Company (the "Company") issued a Press Release announcing that the board of directors of the Company appointed Mark Mears as the Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of the Company, effective July 20, 2015. The Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

In connection with his employment with the Company, Mr. Mears will enter into a severance agreement with the Company, under which Mr. Mears is entitled to certain severance payments if he is terminated in certain circumstances.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Noodles & Company Press Release dated June 25, 2015

**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 BOENNIGHAUSEN          

*Name:* Dave Boennighausen

*Title:* Chief Financial Officer

DATED: June 25, 2015

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## Noodles & Company Names Mark A. Mears as Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer

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**BROOMFIELD, Colo. - June 25, 2015** (Global Newswire) - Noodles & Company ("Noodles" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: NDLS) today announced that Mark A. Mears will be joining Noodles & Company as its Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer effective July 20, 2015. Mr. Mears has over 20 years of marketing and brand positioning experience. He will be responsible for the strategic marketing direction of Noodles & Company and will report directly to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Noodles & Company, Kevin Reddy.

"Mark possesses significant expertise in successfully defining and driving the marketing direction for accomplished restaurant brands in the fast-casual and casual dining sectors, and we believe his leadership will be an invaluable asset for Noodles as we continue on our growth path," said Mr. Reddy. "His insight, deep industry knowledge and proven ability to achieve results through disciplined execution will help us elevate our brand, drive awareness and position ourselves for future success. I am confident Mark will make significant contributions for many years to come."

Mr. Mears most recently held the position of Chief Marketing Officer at Schlotzsky's Bakery-Café, an international fast-casual restaurant chain, where he successfully created and implemented new marketing and menu programs designed to drive comparable restaurant sales growth. Previously, he served as the President and Chief Concept Officer for Mimi's Café, a French-inspired casual dining concept, where he developed and led all aspects of the successful "French Revolution" brand re-imaging effort. Prior to taking his position at Mimi's Café, Mr. Mears also served as the Chief Marketing Officer for The Cheesecake Factory, Inc. and oversaw the brand building efforts in support of The Cheesecake Factory's sister brands Grand Lux Cafe and Rock Sugar Pan Asian Kitchen. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from the University of Kansas and a Master of Science degree in Advertising from Northwestern University.

Mr. Mears stated, "I am excited to join Noodles & Company and I look forward to working with team members and franchise partners to raise awareness of the brand's unique culinary story and to enhance Noodles & Company's position as a fast-casual restaurant leader in fresh, hand-crafted, globally-inspired cuisine."

### **About Noodles & Company**

Founded in 1995, Noodles & Company is a fast-casual restaurant chain that serves classic noodle and pasta dishes from around the world with 455 locations system-wide in 33 states and the District of Columbia as of March 31, 2015. Known as Your World Kitchen, Noodles & Company's globally inspired menu consists of more than 25 fresh, customizable noodle bowls, salads, soups and sandwiches that are prepared quickly using quality ingredients. From healthy to indulgent, spicy to comforting, the menu provides favorites for everyone from kids to adults. Popular dishes include the Med Salad with grilled chicken, spicy Indonesian Peanut Sauté and creamy Wisconsin Mac & Cheese.