APPLEBEES INTERNATIONAL INC Form SC 13G February 10, 2006

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

### SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

# INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

### APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

( NAME OF ISSUER )

### COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

### 037899101

(CUSIP Number)

### **DECEMBER 30,2005**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- X Rule 13d-1 (b)
  - Rule 13d-1 (c)
  - Rule 13d-1 (d)

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- 1. Names of JPMorgan Chase & Co. reporting persons
  - I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS 13-2624428 (ENTITIES ONLY)

2.

(a)

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(b)

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Delaware

NUMBER OF	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	4,418,267
SHARES			
BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	867,899
OWNED BY			
EACH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	4,541,767
REPORTING			
PERSON WITH	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	867,899

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES

CERTAIN SHARES

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

7.0%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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Item Name of Issuer:

1(a).

APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Item Address of Issuer's Principal

1(b). Executive Offices:

4551 W 107TH ST

OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS 66207

Name of Person Filing:

Item

2(a).

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Item Address of Principal Business Office 2(b). or, if None, Residence:

270 PARK AVE

NEW YORK, NY 10017

Item Citizenship

2(c).

Delaware

Item Title of Class of Securities:

2(d).

COMMON STOCK

Unless otherwise noted, security being reported is  $\operatorname{common}$  stock

Item CUSIP 037899101

2(e). Number:

Item 3 If this Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b)

Or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a :

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act;
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act;

(c)	Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the
	Exchange Act;
(d)	Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment
	Company Act;
(e)	An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
(f)	An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with
	Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
(g) X	A parent holding company or control person in accordance with
	Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
(h)	A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal
	Deposit Insurance Act;
(i)	A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an
	Investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment
	Company act;
(j)	Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to X Rule 13d-1(b), check this box.

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### Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and

Percentage of the class of securities of issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 5,410,666

  Including 0 shares where there is a Right to Acquire.
- (b) Percent of class: 7.0%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i)	Sole power	to vote or to	4,418,267
	direct the	vote:	

(ii)	Shared power to vote or	867,899
	to direct the vote:	

(iv)	Shared power to dispose	867,899
	or to direct the	
	disposition of:	

## Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class. NOT APPLICABLE

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date

hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more

than five percent of the class of securities, check the following. ( )

### Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. is the beneficial owner of 5,410,666 shares of the

issuer's common stock on behalf of other persons known to have one or more of

### the following:

the right to receive dividends for such securities;

the power to direct the receipt of dividends from such securities;

the right to receive the proceeds from the sale of such securities;

the right to direct the receipt of proceeds from the sale of such securities;

No such person is known to have an interest in more than 5% of the class of

securities reported herein unless such person is identified below.

# Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the

Security being reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

This notice is filed on behalf of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and its wholly owned

Subsidiary (ies),

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc.

Bank One Trust Co., N.A.

JPMorgan Investment Advisors Inc.

# Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable

### Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable

### Item Certifications

10.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief,

the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the

purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the

issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection

with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the

information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

10,2006

By: /s/ Margaret R. Rubin

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Margaret R. Rubin

Corporate Compliance

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement

is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of

a person by his authorized representative (other than an executive officer or general

partner of the filing person), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on

behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, provided, however, that a

power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the commission may

be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{E}}$ 

the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.