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Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

October 16, 2020

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Opes Acquisition Corp.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-38417
(Commission File Number)

82-2418815
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**4218 NE 2nd Avenue,
Miami, FL**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

33137
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (305) 573-3900

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing 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
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Units, each consisting of one share of common stock and one redeemable warrant	OPESU	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	OPES	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Redeemable warrants, each exercisable for one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share	OPESW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Opes Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation (“OPES” or “Purchaser”), and BurgerFi International LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“BurgerFi”) and their respective directors, executive officers, members, managers, employees and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the holders of Purchaser’s common stock in respect of the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, dated June 29, 2020 whereby Purchaser shall acquire 100% of the membership interests of BurgerFi (the “Business Combination”). Information about OPES’s directors and executive officers and their ownership of OPES’s common stock is set forth in OPES’s Prospectus, dated March 13, 2018, Annual Report on Form 10-K, dated March 30, 2020 and the preliminary proxy statement on Schedule 14A dated September 25, 2020 pertaining to the proposed transaction, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), as modified or supplemented by any Form 3 or Form 4 filed with the SEC since the date of such filing. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

In connection with the Business Combination, on September 25, 2020, Purchaser filed a preliminary proxy statement on Schedule 14A pertaining to the Business Combination with the SEC, and Purchaser will continue to file relevant materials related to the Business Combination with the SEC. Promptly after filing its definitive proxy statement relating to the Business Combination with the SEC, Purchaser will mail the definitive proxy statement and a proxy card to each stockholder entitled to vote at the special meeting relating to the Business Combination and other proposals. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF PURCHASER ARE URGED TO READ THESE MATERIALS (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUSINESS COMBINATION THAT PURCHASER WILL FILE WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OPES, BURGERFI AND THE BUSINESS COMBINATION.** The definitive proxy statement, the preliminary proxy statement and other relevant materials in connection with the business combination (when they become available), and any other documents filed by Purchaser with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s website (www.sec.gov) or by writing to OPES at: 4218 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33137.

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains certain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, both as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about the parties’ perspectives and expectations, are forward-looking statements. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the proposed Business Combination. The words “expect,” “believe,” “estimate,” “intend,” “plan,” and similar expressions indicate forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to various risks and uncertainties, assumptions (including assumptions about general economic, market, industry and operational factors), known or unknown, which could cause the actual results to vary materially from those indicated or anticipated.

Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: (i) risks related to the timing of the completion of the Business Combination, (ii) the ability to satisfy the various conditions to the closing of the Business Combination set forth in the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, (iii) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, (iv) the risk that there may be a material adverse effect on the business, properties, assets, liabilities, results of operations or condition (financial or otherwise), of BurgerFi or its subsidiaries or franchisees, taken as a whole; (v) risks related to disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the proposed Business Combination; (vi) the risk that any announcements relating to the proposed Business Combination could have adverse effects on the market price of OPES’s common stock; and (vii) other risks and uncertainties and other factors identified in OPES’s prior and future filings with the SEC, available at www.sec.gov.

A further list and description of risks and uncertainties can be found in the preliminary proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed on September 25, 2020 with the SEC by Purchaser in connection with the proposed transaction, and other documents that the parties may file or furnish with the SEC, which you are encouraged to read.

Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those indicated or anticipated by such forward-looking statements. Accordingly, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements relate only to the date they were made, and OPES and BurgerFi, and their respective subsidiaries, if any, undertake no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date they were made except as required by law or applicable regulation.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD

On October 16, 2020, OPES Acquisition Corp. issued the following press release, “BurgerFi Names Burger-Industry Veteran Julio Ramirez as CEO.” A copy of the press release is attached hereto as [Exhibit 99.1](#).

The foregoing information, including the press release attached hereto as [Exhibit 99.1](#) is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of this Current Report and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit

No.	Description
99.1	OPES Acquisition Corp. Press Release, dated October 16, 2020

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 16, 2020

OPES ACQUISITION CORP.

By: /s/ Ophir Sternberg
Name: Ophir Sternberg
Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer



BurgerFi Names Burger-Industry Veteran Julio Ramirez as CEO

BurgerFi Appoints Former Chief Operations Officer for Global Operations at Burger King to Lead Company Through its Next Chapter of Growth

PALM BEACH, FL – October 16, 2020 – OPES Acquisition Corp.'s (NASDAQ: OPES) business combination target, **BurgerFi International**, has named Julio Ramirez, Chief Executive Officer. Ramirez has nearly three decades of experience in the burger industry having previously served in several senior positions at Burger King Corporation, a Restaurant Brands International Inc. (NYSE: QSR) subsidiary, including President of the Latin America/Mexico/Caribbean division, Senior Executive of Franchise Operations and Development in North America, and Executive Vice President/ Chief Operations Officer.

"BurgerFi has continued to lead the space with powerful leadership and Julio's expertise will allow us to continue to grow within the 'better burger' segment," said Ophir Sternberg, Chairman & CEO of OPES Acquisition Corp. "There is a strong market and a captive audience for fast-casual experiences. Development strategies and tactics will be key, and BurgerFi has a scalable model to grow exponentially into more locations through top institutional developers, unique growth vehicles like ghost kitchens and working with successful multi-brand operators."

Upon leaving Burger King in 2011, Ramirez founded JEM Global, Inc., a company that specializes in assisting QSR and fast-casual brands' with franchising and development efforts domestically and internationally. Ramirez consulted Dunkin' Brands on its Brazil entry strategy and Buffalo Wings & Rings on its Mexico development strategy. He set up four new franchise groups in Mexico and Colombia for "100 Montaditos", a Madrid-based Andalusian restaurant expanding into the Americas. He was also co-owner of Giardino Gourmet Salads, South Florida's premier fast-casual concept, helping to grow the brand in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Naples, Florida.

Ramirez is highly regarded for his ability to build franchise relationships, having led Burger King's field marketing across North America throughout the mid-1990s as part of Burger King's successful "Back to Basics" campaign, which attained positive comparable sales for several years. In the early 2000s, he effectively managed over 1,100 franchisees in North American operations and led several key working committees, including franchise relations, operations technology and restaurant finance.

Ramirez introduced the Burger King brand in over 10 countries throughout Latin America, effectively establishing the supply chain, selecting outstanding franchisees, and building a team that opened more restaurants than McDonald's (MCD) in 16 of 25 countries. In Brazil, for example, he developed a local team that assembled an effective supply source, signed ten franchisees in a regional network, opened an office in Sao Paulo and successfully launched the brand with an impactful marketing campaign—all of which resulted in Burger King's first 60 Brazilian locations yielding annual sales substantially greater than the US average, in the face of tough local competition. In Mexico, he built a team that surpassed both MCD's and KFC's unit development, opening over 400 restaurants throughout the country.

“Today's consumers demand an outstanding guest experience on each visit and BurgerFi not only delivers strong on its service but also owns the outstanding quality and ‘better burger’ segment,” said Julio Ramirez, newly-appointed CEO of BurgerFi. “BurgerFi has several unique brand differentiators with its premium natural ingredients, technology enhanced infrastructure and commitment to sustainability that has the potential to capture significant market share, both nationally and internationally, through a highly scalable model. I look forward to leading the team through its next chapter of expansion and the continued evolution of the brand.”

Ramirez holds an MBA from the University of Georgia. He has also completed the Advanced Management Program from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He served as an Executive Board Member of United Way of Miami-Dade County, was a founding member of the Burger King “Have it your Way” Foundation and is currently a member of the prestigious Orange Bowl Committee. Ramirez was an external director at Grupo Intur – the largest franchisee of American QSR brands in Central America with over 200 locations of 8 different brands across several nations.

In celebration of Julio Ramirez's appointment as CEO and in conjunction with National Boss's Day, today Friday, October 16th, BurgerFi will be offering the gourmet CEO Burger paired with its urban-style fries as a \$10 pairing. Visit www.burgerfi.com to find the nearest participating location.

About OPES Acquisition Corp.

OPES Acquisition Corp. (NASDAQ: OPES, OPESW) is a special purpose acquisition company headquartered in Miami and organized for the purpose of effecting a merger, asset acquisition, stock purchase or other similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities. For more information, please visit www.opesacquisitioncorp.com.

About BurgerFi

Established in 2011, BurgerFi is among the nation's fastest-growing better burger concepts with approximately 125 BurgerFi restaurants domestically and internationally. The concept was chef-founded and is committed to serving fresh food of transparent quality. BurgerFi uses 100% natural American angus beef with no steroids, antibiotics, growth hormones, chemicals or additives. BurgerFi placed in the top 10 on Fast Casual's Top 100 Movers & Shakers list in 2020, was named "Best Burger Joint" by Consumer Reports and fellow public interest organizations in the 2019 Chain Reaction Study, listed as a "Top Restaurant Brand to Watch" by Nation's Restaurant News in 2019, included in Inc. Magazine's Fastest Growing Private Companies List, and ranked on Entrepreneur's 2017 Franchise 500. To learn more about BurgerFi or to find a full list of locations, please visit www.burgerfi.com, 'Like' BurgerFi on Facebook or follow @BurgerFi on Instagram and Twitter.

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In connection with the Business Combination, on September 25, 2020, OPES filed with the SEC, the preliminary proxy statement on Schedule 14A, which included, among other proposals, the proposal to approve the Business Combination, and OPES continues to file other relevant materials with the SEC. Promptly after filing its definitive proxy statement relating to the Business Combination with the SEC, OPES will mail the definitive proxy statement and a proxy card to each stockholder entitled to vote at the special meeting relating to the Business Combination, and other proposals. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF OPES ARE URGED TO READ THESE MATERIALS (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUSINESS COMBINATION THAT OPES WILL FILE WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OPES, BURGERFI, AND THE BUSINESS COMBINATION. The preliminary proxy statement, the definitive proxy statement and other relevant materials in connection with the Business Combination (when they become available), and any other documents filed by OPES with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s website (www.sec.gov) or by writing to OPES at: 4218 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33137.

Forward-Looking Statements:

This press release includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements, including the identification of a target business and potential business combination or other such transaction, are subject to risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those factors described in the section entitled “Risk Factors” in the annual report on Form 10-K filed by OPES on March 30, 2020. Important factors, among others, that may affect actual results or outcomes include: the inability to complete the proposed transaction; the inability to recognize the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction, which may be affected by, among other things, the amount of cash available following any redemptions by OPES stockholders; the ability to meet the listing standards of the securities exchange following the consummation of the proposed transaction; and costs related to the proposed transaction. Important factors that could cause the combined company’s actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include: BurgerFi’s limited operating history; BurgerFi’s ability to manage growth; BurgerFi’s ability to execute its business plan; BurgerFi’s estimates of the size of the markets for its products; the rate and degree of market acceptance of BurgerFi’s products; BurgerFi’s ability to identify and integrate acquisitions; potential litigation involving OPES or BurgerFi or the validity or enforceability of BurgerFi’s intellectual property; general economic and market conditions impacting demand for BurgerFi’s products and services; and such other risks and uncertainties as are discussed in the proxy statement to be filed relating to the Business Combination. Other factors include the possibility that the proposed Business Combination does not close, including due to the failure to receive required stockholder approval, or the failure of other closing conditions.

OPES expressly disclaims any obligations or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in the Company’s expectations with respect thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

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