

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
September 01, 2004

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 1, 2004**

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**Baxter International Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-4448**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-0781620**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**One Baxter Parkway, Deerfield, Illinois**

**60015-4633**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

847.948.2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Election of Director**

The Board of Directors of Baxter International Inc. (the Company) has elected Albert P.L. Stroucken to the Company's Board of Directors effective September 1, 2004. The Board of Directors has not yet determined the committees of the Board to which Mr. Stroucken will be named. Mr. Stroucken's initial term will expire on the date of the Company's annual meeting of stockholders in May 2005.

The press release announcing the election of Mr. Stroucken to the Company's Board is furnished as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits.

99 Press Release dated September 1, 2004

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jan Stern Reed

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Jan Stern Reed  
Corporate Secretary

Date: September 1, 2004

**Exhibit Index**

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                    |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99                 | Press Release dated September 1, 2004 |