

RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
**UNDER THE**  
**SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**RARE Hospitality International, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Georgia**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**58-1498312**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**8215 Roswell Road, Building 600**

**Atlanta, Georgia 30350**

(Address, including zip code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**RARE Hospitality International, Inc. 2002 Stock Option Plan**

(Full title of the plan)

**c/o Paula J. Shives, Esq.**  
**Senior Vice President,**  
**General Counsel and Secretary**  
**Darden Restaurants, Inc.**  
**5900 Lake Ellenor Drive**  
**Orlando, Florida 32809**  
**(407) 245-4000**

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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**TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION**

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 relates to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-97711) of RARE Hospitality International, Inc. (the Company), a Georgia corporation, filed on August 6, 2002, pertaining to 900,000 shares of the Company's common stock issuable under the RARE Hospitality International, Inc. 2002 Stock Option Plan.

On October 1, 2007, Surf & Turf Merger Corp. (Merger Sub), a Georgia corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Darden Restaurants, Inc. (Darden), a Florida corporation, merged (the Merger) with and into the Company pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 16, 2007, by and among Darden, Merger Sub and the Company (the Merger Agreement). Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, each share of the Company's common stock outstanding at the effective time of the Merger (the Effective Time), except for treasury shares, shares owned by Darden, Merger Sub or any other wholly owned subsidiary of the Company or Darden, restricted stock and shares subject to dissenters' rights, was converted into the right to receive \$38.15 in cash. At the Effective Time (i) the treasury shares and shares owned by Darden or Merger Sub were cancelled for no consideration, (ii) the shares owned by any other wholly owned subsidiary of the Company or Darden remained outstanding, subject to certain adjustments, (iii) the outstanding shares of restricted stock were automatically converted into a certain number of shares of Darden restricted stock in accordance with the exchange ratio set forth in the Merger Agreement, (iv) the outstanding stock options were automatically converted into options to purchase a certain number of shares of Darden common stock in accordance with the exchange ratio set forth in the Merger Agreement and (v) the outstanding performance-based restricted stock units were automatically converted into stock units relating to a certain number of shares of Darden common stock, in accordance with the exchange ratio and subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement. As a result of the Merger, the Company became a wholly owned subsidiary of Darden.

Therefore, as of the Effective Time, all outstanding rights under the Company's incentive plans have been converted as described above and the Company hereby removes from registration the shares of common stock of the Company registered pursuant to this Registration Statement that remain unissued.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Rule 478 thereunder, the Registrant has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Orlando, State of Florida, on October 18, 2007.

**RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

By: /s/ WILLIAM R. WHITE, III  
Name: William R. White, III

Title: President and Treasurer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment has been signed by the following person in the capacities indicated on the 18th day of October, 2007.

| <b>Signature</b>          | <b>Title</b>   |
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| /s/ WILLIAM R. WHITE, III | President, Treasurer and Director                          |
| William R. White, III     | (principal executive, financial and<br>accounting officer) |