

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 10, 2014

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: October 10, 2014  
(Date of earliest event reported)

DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 1-13666

Florida  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

59-3305930  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1000 Darden Center Drive, Orlando, Florida 32837  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(407) 245-4000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(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 (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))



Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Darden Restaurants, Inc. (the "Company") issued a news release dated October 10, 2014 entitled "Darden Announces Preliminary Results Of Annual Meeting and Reconstituted Board Of Directors," a copy of which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Based on the preliminary results, the shareholders have elected the following 12 individuals to the Company's Board of Directors: Betsy S. Atkins, Margaret Shân Atkins, Jean M. Birch, Bradley D. Blum, Peter A. Feld, James P. Fogarty, Cynthia T. Jamison, William H. Lenehan, Lionel L. Nowell, III, Jeffrey C. Smith, Charles M. Sonsteby, and Alan N. Stillman.

As provided in General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 incorporated herein shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description  |
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| 99.1           | News release, dated October 10, 2014, entitled "Darden Announces Preliminary Results Of Annual Meeting and Reconstituted Board Of Directors" |

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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.

DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC.

By: /s/ Teresa M. Sebastian  
Teresa M. Sebastian  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance  
Officer and Corporate Secretary

Date: October 10, 2014

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