

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
Form 8-K
September 09, 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: September 9, 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.)

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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)

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- .. 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))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 9, 2014, Darden Restaurants, Inc. (the Company) issued a news release entitled Darden Files Definitive Proxy Materials and Two Investor Presentations in Connection with 2014 Annual Meeting and two investor presentations entitled Analytical Insights into Starboard s Proposed Transactions as Requested by and for the Benefit of Shareholders and Providing Shareholders the Balance of Fresh Perspectives and Continuity to Support Continued Progress and Success. Each of the release and both investment presentations are dated September 9, 2014. Copies of the release and investor presentations are furnished as Exhibits 99.1, 99.2 and 99.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference in their entirety to this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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| 99.3 | Presentation dated September 9, 2014, entitled Providing Shareholders the Balance of Fresh Perspectives and Continuity to Support Continued Progress and Success |

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: September 9, 2014

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