

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC  
Form DEFA14A  
August 04, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): August 4, 2014**

**Darden Restaurants, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Florida**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**1-13666**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**59-3305930**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**1000 Darden Center Drive, Orlando, Florida**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**32837**  
**(Zip Code)**

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

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

- 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 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 4, 2014, Darden Restaurants, Inc. (the Company ) issued a news release entitled Darden Files Presentation Regarding Red Lobster Divestiture and Issues Open Letter to Shareholders and an investor presentation entitled Update on Successful Red Lobster Sale Process. Both the release and investment presentation are dated August 4, 2014. Copies of the letter and investor presentation are furnished as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 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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| 99.2       | Presentation dated August 4, 2014, entitled Update on Successful Red Lobster Sale Process                                                      |

**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 and  
Corporate Secretary

Date: August 4, 2014

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