

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
Form 8-K
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)
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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 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

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