

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
Form SC 13D/A
February 24, 2014

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

SCHEDULE 13D
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 4)1

(Name of Issuer)
Darden Restaurants, Inc.

Common Stock, no par value per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

237194105
(CUSIP Number)

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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 24, 2014
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box " .

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CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) o
GROUP (b) o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS ..
IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		7,250,000
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	7,250,000
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7,250,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) o
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.5%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) o
GROUP (b) o

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

CAYMAN ISLANDS

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		1,161,790
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	1,161,790
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,161,790

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) o EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

2 STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY S LLC
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		281,286
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	281,286
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

12 281,286
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14 Less than 1%
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		172,625
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	172,625
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

12 172,625
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CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE R LP

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		172,625
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
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REPORTING		- 0 -
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE R GP LLC

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DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		1,272,025
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	1,272,025
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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DELAWARE

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 7,250,000

OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON WITH 9 - 0 -
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 7,250,000
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP

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DELAWARE

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SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		7,250,000
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JEFFREY C. SMITH

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		- 0 -
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		7,250,000
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	- 0 -
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

7,250,000

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

MARK R. MITCHELL

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USA

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		- 0 -
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		7,250,000
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	- 0 -
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		7,250,000

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5.5%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

PETER A. FELD

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) o
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USA

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY - 0 -
OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

EACH 7,250,000
REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON WITH

- 0 -
10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

7,250,000

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7,250,000

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

BRADLEY D. BLUM

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) o
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USA

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
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BENEFICIALLY		- 0 -
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	- 0 -
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

- 0 -

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0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

The following constitutes Amendment No. 4 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 4"). This Amendment No. 4 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

On February 24, 2014, the Reporting Persons filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Preliminary Solicitation Statement (the "Preliminary Solicitation Statement") in furtherance of seeking shareholder support to demand that the Issuer call a special meeting of the Issuer's shareholders (the "Special Meeting"). Under Florida law and the Issuer's Bylaws, as amended, the holders of 50% of the Issuer's outstanding shares have the right to demand that the Issuer call a special meeting. If a sufficient number of shareholders support Starboard's efforts to call the Special Meeting, Starboard intends to solicit shareholder support in favor of a non-binding resolution urging the Board of Directors of the Issuer (the "Board") not to approve any agreement or proposed transaction involving a separation or spin-off of the Issuer's Red Lobster business prior to the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "2014 Annual Meeting") unless such agreement or transaction would require shareholder approval.

The Issuer stated in its December 19, 2013 press release that the contemplated Red Lobster separation will not require shareholder approval and that it expects to close the separation transaction in early fiscal 2015, which begins May 26, 2014. It therefore appears that the Issuer intends to complete the Red Lobster separation several months before the 2014 Annual Meeting, which is not expected to be held until September. Starboard believes shareholders deserve a forum for expressing their views on the Issuer's proposed separation of Red Lobster, and Starboard is therefore seeking to call the Special Meeting to give shareholders a platform for expressing their dissatisfaction with the proposed Red Lobster separation before it is too late.

On February 24, 2014, Starboard delivered an open letter to the Issuer's shareholders. In the letter, Starboard informed shareholders that it has filed the Preliminary Solicitation Statement seeking to call a special meeting of the Issuer's shareholders in order to provide shareholders with a democratic forum for expressing their views on the proposed separation of Red Lobster. Starboard also expressed its disappointment that the Board and management continue to ignore shareholders concerns regarding the ill-advised Red Lobster separation and appear to be hurrying to complete a Red Lobster transaction prior to the 2014 Annual Meeting. Starboard further stated in the letter that given management and the Board's track record of poor performance and poor decision-making, together with Starboard's belief that the proposed Red Lobster separation is deeply flawed, Starboard believes it is critical for shareholders in this case to have the right to review and approve any transaction involving Red Lobster that takes place prior to the 2014 Annual Meeting, at which time shareholders will have an opportunity to elect directors whom they believe represent their best interests. In the letter, Starboard also conveyed to shareholders that Starboard is continuing to conduct its own independent analysis of the Issuer's operations and plans to publicly comment in more detail in advance of the Special Meeting, if called, and has begun recruiting highly qualified restaurant operators to advise Starboard as Starboard refines its operating plan for the Issuer. The full text of the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

On February 24, 2014, the Reporting Persons entered into a Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement in which, among other things, (a) the Reporting Persons agreed to the joint filing of statements on Schedule 13D with respect to the securities of the Issuer and (b) the Reporting Persons agreed to solicit proxies or written consents to (i) request that the

Issuer call a special meeting of shareholders to approve the Proposals and (ii) approve such Proposals at any special meeting called for such purpose. The Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibits:

99.1 Letter to Shareholders of the Issuer, dated February 24, 2014.

99.2 Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement by and among Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd, Starboard Value and Opportunity S LLC, Starboard Value and Opportunity C LP, Starboard Leaders Delta LLC, Starboard Leaders Fund LP, Starboard Value LP, Starboard Value GP LLC, Starboard Principal Co LP, Starboard Principal Co GP LLC, Starboard Value A LP, Starboard Value A GP LLC, Starboard Value R LP, Starboard Value R GP LLC, Jeffrey C. Smith, Mark R. Mitchell, Peter A. Feld and Bradley D. Blum, dated February 24, 2014.

CUSIP NO. 237194105

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 24, 2014

STARBOARD VALUE AND
OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD

By: Starboard Value LP,
its investment manager

STARBOARD VALUE A LP

By: Starboard Value A GP LLC,
its general partner

STARBOARD VALUE AND
OPPORTUNITY S LLC

By: Starboard Value LP,
its manager

STARBOARD VALUE LP

By: Starboard Value GP LLC,
its general partner

STARBOARD VALUE AND
OPPORTUNITY C LP

By: Starboard Value R LP
its general partner

STARBOARD VALUE GP LLC

By: Starboard Principal Co LP,
its member

STARBOARD VALUE R LP

By: Starboard Value R GP LLC,
its general partner

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP

By: Starboard Principal Co GP LLC,
its general partner

STARBOARD LEADERS DELTA LLC

By: Starboard Value A LP,
its managing member

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO GP LLC

STARBOARD VALUE A GP LLC

STARBOARD VALUE R GP LLC

STARBOARD LEADERS FUND LP

By: Starboard Value A LP
its general partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C.
Smith
Name: Jeffrey C.
Smith
Title: Authorized
Signatory

/s/ Jeffrey C.
Smith
JEFFREY C.
SMITH

Individually and
as
attorney-in-fact
for Mark R.
Mitchell and
Peter A. Feld

/s/ Bradley D.
Blum
BRADLEY D.
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