

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC

Form 3

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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Richmond C Bradford

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/01/2005

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC [DRI]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

SVP, Corporate Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person5900 LAKE ELLENOR
DRIVE,Â P.O. BOX 593330

(Street)

ORLANDO,Â FLÂ 32859-3330

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

24,494

D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative
Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/22/2001 ⁽¹⁾	06/22/2009	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 14.63	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/22/2001 ⁽¹⁾	06/22/2009	Common Stock	6,875	\$ 14.63	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/26/2000	05/26/2010	Common Stock	1,227	\$ 12.48	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/21/2002 ⁽¹⁾	06/21/2010	Common Stock	29,925	\$ 10.5	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/20/2003 ⁽¹⁾	06/20/2011	Common Stock	37,500	\$ 17.09	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/19/2004 ⁽¹⁾	06/19/2012	Common Stock	26,000	\$ 27.27	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/19/2005 ⁽¹⁾	06/19/2013	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 19.32	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/19/2005 ⁽¹⁾	06/19/2013	Common Stock	13,500	\$ 19.32	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/15/2006 ⁽¹⁾	06/15/2014	Common Stock	13,750	\$ 21.16	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/15/2006 ⁽¹⁾	06/15/2014	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 21.16	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/16/2007 ⁽¹⁾	06/16/2015	Common Stock	13,750	\$ 33.1	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/16/2007 ⁽¹⁾	06/15/2015	Common Stock	7,000	\$ 33.1	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Richmond C Bradford 5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE P.O. BOX 593330 ORLANDO, FL 32859-3330	Â	Â	Â SVP, Corporate Controller	Â

Signatures

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08/05/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning the date indicated.

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