

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC  
Form DEFA14A  
September 12, 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 12, 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)**

**59-3305930**  
**(IRS Employer)**

**of incorporation)**

**Identification No.)**

**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)**

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:

- 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**

The Company issued a news release dated September 12, 2014 entitled "Darden Issues Statement Regarding Starboard's Newly Proposed Operational Plan," a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

| Number | Description   |
|--------|---|
| 99.1   | News release dated September 12, 2014, entitled "Darden Issues Statement Regarding Starboard's Newly Proposed Operational Plan" |

**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 12, 2014

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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