

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC  
Form SC 13D/A  
April 03, 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. 8)1

Darden Restaurants, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

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

237194105  
(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 31, 2014  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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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 GROUP (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

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 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		7,250,000
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		7,250,000
	10	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) 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)   
 GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

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

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

CAYMAN ISLANDS

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

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,161,790

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

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

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY S LLC

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

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

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

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

281,286

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

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

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

2 STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY C LP  
 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a)   
 GROUP (b)

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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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

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

172,625

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

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

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE R LP

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(b)

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

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

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

172,625

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

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

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE R GP LLC

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GROUP (b)

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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
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD LEADERS DELTA LLC

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

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

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD LEADERS FUND LP

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

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

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE A LP

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

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

- 0 -

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CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE A GP LLC

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

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

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STARBOARD VALUE GP LLC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

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

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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

5.5%

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CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

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

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO GP LLC

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(b)

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

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

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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

5.5%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JEFFREY C. SMITH

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(b)

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

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

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7,250,000

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

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

5.5%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN



CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

MARK R. MITCHELL

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

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

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

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7,250,000

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

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

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 GROUP (a)   
(b)

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

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

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7,250,000

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

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

5.5%

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 GROUP (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

PF

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

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
	8	1,000 SHARED VOTING POWER
	9	- 0 - SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	1,000 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,000

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

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

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

CHARLES M. SONSTEBY

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

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

PF

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		1,500
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	1,500
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,500

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

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

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

ROBERT MOCK

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

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,318
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,318
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,318

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

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

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

CRAIG S. MILLER

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

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

PF

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USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,000
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,000
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,000

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

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

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

The following constitutes Amendment No. 8 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (“Amendment No. 8”). This Amendment No. 8 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended to add the following:

The Shares purchased by Mr. Miller were purchased in the open market with personal funds. The aggregate purchase price of the 1,000 Shares owned by Mr. Miller is approximately \$49,918, including brokerage commissions.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

On March 31, 2014, Starboard Value LP (together with its affiliates, “Starboard”) issued an investor presentation (the “Investor Presentation”) outlining in detail its serious concerns with the Issuer’s proposed separation of Red Lobster (the “Red Lobster Separation”) and why it believes a special meeting of shareholders of the Issuer (the “Special Meeting”) is critical to provide shareholders with a forum to express their views and influence the future of Red Lobster before it is too late. Starboard expressed its belief in the Investor Presentation that the Red Lobster Separation is the wrong spin-off, at the wrong time, and for the wrong reasons, and that the Special Meeting is necessary because the Issuer appears intent on completing the Red Lobster Separation prior to its 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “2014 Annual Meeting”), when all of the Issuer’s directors are up for election. Starboard also expressed its belief in the Investor Presentation, among other things, that the Red Lobster Separation, as conceived by the Issuer’s management team, could destroy substantial shareholder value.

Also on March 31, 2014, Starboard issued a detailed presentation entitled A Primer on Darden’s Real Estate (the “Real Estate Primer”), outlining the substantial value intrinsic to the Issuer’s real estate and a number of highly attractive alternatives for the Issuer’s real estate assets. Starboard also refutes management’s misleading statements in the Real Estate Primer regarding debt breakage costs, among other things. The Real Estate Primer was developed by Starboard with assistance from Green Street Advisors, the leading independent research firm specializing in real estate and REITs.

The Investor Presentation and Real Estate Primer are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and are incorporated herein by reference.

Previously, on March 20, 2014, Starboard filed its definitive Solicitation Statement with the SEC, together with an accompanying WHITE request card, to solicit requests from shareholders of the Issuer to call the Special Meeting to approve a non-binding resolution urging the Issuer’s Board of Directors not to approve any agreement or proposed transaction involving a separation or spin-off of the Red Lobster business prior to the 2014 Annual Meeting unless such agreement or transaction would require shareholder approval.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Items 5(a) - 5(c) are hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 131,960,633 Shares outstanding, as of March 20, 2014, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as reported in the Issuer’s Revocation Solicitation Statement on Form DEFC14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 1,

2014.

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CUSIP NO. 237194105

A. Starboard V&O Fund

(a) As of the close of business on April 2, 2014, Starboard V&O Fund beneficially owned 1,161,790 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,161,790
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,161,790
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard V&O Fund has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

B. Starboard S LLC

(a) As of the close of business on April 2, 2014, Starboard S LLC beneficially owned 281,286 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 281,286
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 281,286
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard S LLC has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

C. Starboard C LP

(a) As of the close of business on April 2, 2014, Starboard C LP beneficially owned 172,625 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 172,625
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 172,625
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard C LP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

D. Starboard R LP

(a) Starboard R LP, as the general partner of Starboard C LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 172,625 shares owned by Starboard C LP.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
  - 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 172,625
  - 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  - 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 172,625
  - 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard R LP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

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E. Starboard R GP

(a) Starboard R GP, as the general partner of Starboard R LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 172,625 shares owned by Starboard C LP.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 172,625
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 172,625
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard R GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

F. Delta LLC

(a) As of the close of business on April 2, 2014, Delta LLC beneficially owned 1,272,025 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,272,025
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,272,025
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Delta LLC has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

G. Leaders Fund

(a) Leaders Fund, as a member of Delta LLC, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 1,272,025 shares owned by Delta LLC.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,272,025
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,272,025
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Leaders Fund has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

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H. Starboard A LP

(a) Starboard A LP, as the general partner of Leaders Fund and the managing member of Delta LLC, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 1,272,025 shares owned by Delta LLC.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,272,025
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,272,025
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard A LP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

I. Starboard A GP

(a) Starboard A GP, as the general partner of Starboard A LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 1,272,025 shares owned by Delta LLC.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,272,025
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,272,025
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard A GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

J. Starboard Value LP

(a) As of the close of business on April 2, 2014, 4,362,274 Shares were held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts. Starboard Value LP, as the investment manager of Starboard V&O Fund, Starboard C LP, Delta LLC and the Starboard Value LP Accounts and the manager of Starboard S LLC, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,161,790 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 281,286 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 172,625 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,272,025 Shares owned by Delta LLC and (v) 4,362,274 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.5%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 7,250,000
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 7,250,000
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard Value LP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.



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K. Starboard Value GP

(a) Starboard Value GP, as the general partner of Starboard Value LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,161,790 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 281,286 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 172,625 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,272,025 Shares owned by Delta LLC and (v) 4,362,274 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.5%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 7,250,000
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 7,250,000
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard Value GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

L. Principal Co

(a) Principal Co, as a member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,161,790 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 281,286 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 172,625 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,272,025 Shares owned by Delta LLC and (v) 4,362,274 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.5%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 7,250,000
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 7,250,000
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Principal Co has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

M. Principal GP

(a) Principal GP, as the general partner of Principal Co, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,161,790 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 281,286 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 172,625 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,272,025 Shares owned by Delta LLC and (v) 4,362,274 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.5%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 7,250,000
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 7,250,000
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c)Principal GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

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N. Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld

(a) Each of Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld, as a member of Principal GP and as a member of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,161,790 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 281,286 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 172,625 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,272,025 Shares owned by Delta LLC and (v) 4,362,274 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.5%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 7,250,000
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 7,250,000

(c) None of Messrs. Smith, Mitchell or Feld has entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

O. Mr. Blum

(a) As of the close of business on April 2, 2014, Mr. Blum directly owned 1,000 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,000
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,000
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Mr. Blum has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

P. Mr. Sonstebly

(a) As of the close of business on April 2, 2014, Mr. Sonstebly directly owned 1,500 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,500
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,500
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Mr. Sonstebly has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.





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Q. Mr. Mock

(a) As of the close of business on April 2, 2014, Mr. Mock directly owned 1,318 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,318
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,318
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Mr. Mock has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D.

R. Mr. Miller

(a) As of the close of business on April 2, 2014, Mr. Miller directly owned 1,000 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,000
  2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
  3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,000
  4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Mr. Miller since the filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D are set forth on Schedule A and are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibit:

99.1 Investor Presentation and Primer on Darden Real Estate, dated March 31, 2014.

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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: April 3, 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, Peter  
A. Feld,  
Bradley D.  
Blum, Charles  
M. Sonsteby,  
Robert Mock  
and Craig S.  
Miller

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SCHEDULE A

Transactions in the Shares Since the Filing of Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D

Shares of Common Stock Purchased/(Sold)	Price Per Share(\$)	Date of Purchase / Sale
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CRAIG S. MILLER

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