

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC  
Form FWP  
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Issuer Free Writing Prospectus

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Supplementing the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated October 10, 2007

to Prospectus dated October 9, 2007

Registration No. 333-146582

**DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC.**

**FINAL TERM SHEET**

**Dated: October 10, 2007**

**5.625% Senior Notes due 2012**

Issuer:	Darden Restaurants, Inc.
Size:	\$350,000,000
Maturity:	October 15, 2012
Coupon (Interest Rate):	5.625%
Yield to Maturity:	5.695%
Spread to Benchmark Treasury:	+133 basis points
Benchmark Treasury:	4.25% due September 30, 2012
Benchmark Treasury Price and Yield:	99-15 3/4; 4.365%
Interest Payment Dates:	April 15 and October 15, beginning April 15, 2008
Redemption Provisions:	In whole or in part, at any time, at the Issuer's option, at the greater of (i) 100% of principal amount or (ii) discounted present value at the Treasury Rate plus 20 basis points
Price to Public:	99.699%
Settlement:	We expect to deliver the notes against payment for the notes on October 16, 2007, which will be the fourth business day following the date of the pricing of the notes. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, (referred to as T+3) unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes on the date of pricing will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+4, to specify an alternative settlement cycle to prevent a failed settlement.
Sole Book-Running Manager:	Banc of America Securities LLC
CUSIP:	237194AF2
Ratings:	Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., BBB+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and BBB by Fitch Ratings

**6.200% Senior Notes due 2017**

Issuer:	Darden Restaurants, Inc.
Size:	\$500,000,000
Maturity:	October 15, 2017
Coupon (Interest Rate):	6.200%

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Yield to Maturity: 6.222%

Spread to Benchmark Treasury: +158 basis points

Benchmark Treasury: 4.75% due August 15, 2017

Benchmark Treasury Price and Yield: 100-27; 4.642%

Interest Payment Dates: April 15 and October 15, beginning April 15, 2008

Redemption Provisions: In whole or in part, at any time, at the Issuer's option, at the greater of (i) 100% of principal amount or (ii) discounted present value at the Treasury Rate plus 25 basis points

Price to Public: 99.838%

Settlement: We expect to deliver the notes against payment for the notes on October 16, 2007, which will be the fourth business day following the date of the pricing of the notes. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, (referred to as T+3) unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes on the date of pricing will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+4, to specify an alternative settlement cycle to prevent a failed settlement.

Sole Book-Running Manager: Banc of America Securities LLC

CUSIP: 237194AG0

Ratings: Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., BBB+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and BBB by Fitch Ratings

### **6.800% Senior Notes due 2037**

Issuer: Darden Restaurants, Inc.

Size: \$300,000,000

Maturity: October 15, 2037

Coupon (Interest Rate): 6.800%

Yield to Maturity: 6.865%

Spread to Benchmark Treasury: +200 basis points

Benchmark Treasury: 4.75% due February 15, 2037

Benchmark Treasury Price and Yield: 98-06+; 4.865%

Interest Payment Dates: April 15 and October 15, beginning April 15, 2008

Redemption Provisions: In whole or in part, at any time, at the Issuer's option, at the greater of (i) 100% of principal amount or (ii) discounted present value at the Treasury Rate plus 35 basis points

Price to Public: 99.178%

Settlement: We expect to deliver the notes against payment for the notes on October 16, 2007, which will be the fourth business day following the date of the pricing of the notes. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, (referred to as T+3) unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes on the date of pricing will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+4, to specify an alternative settlement cycle to prevent a failed settlement.

Sole Book-Running Manager: Banc of America Securities LLC  
CUSIP: 237194AH8  
Ratings: Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., BBB+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and BBB by Fitch Ratings

**Note:** A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

**The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling toll-free 1-800-294-1322 or you may e-mail a request to [dg.prospectus\\_distribution@bofasecurities.com](mailto:dg.prospectus_distribution@bofasecurities.com).**