

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 28, 2016

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 28, 2016  
(Date of earliest event reported)

DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 1-13666

Florida 59-3305930  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (IRS Employer 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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 28, 2016, Jean M. Birch resigned as a member of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Darden Restaurants, Inc. (the Company) and withdrew her consent to stand for re-election to the Board at the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on September 29, 2016. Ms. Birch's resignation was not a result of a disagreement with the Company, its management or the Board.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board held on September 28, 2016, the Board voted to reduce the size of the Board to seven members to eliminate the vacancy created by Ms. Birch's resignation.

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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/ Matthew R. Broad

Matthew R. Broad

Date: September 28,  
2016

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate  
Secretary