

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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 *
GEORGE DAVID C2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
[DRI]5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE
(Street)3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2008☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Pres of LongHorn Steakhouse**ORLANDO, FL 32809**4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/02/2008		M	2,104 A	\$ 0 17,435	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2008		F	814 D	\$ 26.65 16,621	D	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2008		M	2,104	01/02/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 01/02/2008 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock 2,104

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
GEORGE DAVID C 5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32809	Director 10% Owner Officer Pres of LongHorn Steakhouse

Signatures

Douglas E. Wentz, Attorney-in-fact for George, David C., 5900 Lake Ellenor Drive, P.O. Box 593330, Orlando, FL 32859-3330, Darden Restaurants, Inc. (DRI) 01/04/2008

____Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Upon vesting, restricted stock units converted to shares of DRI common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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