

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2018

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: March 9, 2018  
(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:

- ..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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company ..

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ..

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

On March 9, 2018, Bradley D. Blum resigned from the Board of Directors (the Board) of Darden Restaurants, Inc. (the Company) effective immediately. Mr. Blum's resignation was not a result of a disagreement with the Company, its management or the Board.

Chuck Sonstebly, Chairman of the Board, said: "On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to acknowledge Brad's many contributions to Darden over the years, including his past tenure as a member of the management team and a director and his more recent role as an independent director of the Company. We thank Brad for his dedicated service to the Company and wish him all the best."

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/ Anthony G. Morrow  
Anthony G. Morrow  
Assistant Secretary  
Date: March 12, 2018