

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC

Form 8-K

July 10, 2013

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: July 10, 2013

(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)
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- .. 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))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Darden Restaurants, Inc. issued a news release dated July 10, 2013 entitled “Salli Setta Named Red Lobster President; Dave Pickens Appointed Chief Restaurant Operations Officer for Darden,” a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description   |
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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/ Teresa M. Sebastian  
                      Teresa M. Sebastian  
                      Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: July 10, 2013

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