

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the

(Print or Type Responses) Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
McAdam Robert S	DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC DRI	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	(give title below) (specify below)
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE, P. O. BOX 593330 (Street)	06-30-2008	SVP Gov't & Community Affairs
ORLANDO - FL - 32859-33 30 (City) (State) (Zip)	4.If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2a. Deemed Execut. Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Sec Beneficially Owned Following Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06-30-2008		A	1,178 (A) or \$0 (D) #1	3,178	D	
Common Stock	06-30-2008		F	311 (D) or \$32.25 (D)	2,867	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Trans- action Date	3a. Deemed Execut. Date	4. Trans- action Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expira-	7. Title and Amount of Underlying	8. Price of Deriv-	9. Number of Deriv-	10. Owner- ship Form	11. Nature of Indirect Benefici.
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Security (Instr. 3)	Price of Deriv- ative Security	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	tion Date (Month/Day/ Year)	Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned following reported tran.(s) (Inst.4)	of Deriv- ative Secur- ity Direct (D) or Indirect (I) Instr. 4	Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McAdam Robert S 5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE P.O. BOX 593330 ORLANDO FL 32859-3330	.	.	SVP Gov't & Communit y Affairs	

Explanation of Responses:

1 Reflects the issuance of common stock upon the vesting of performance stock units that are not derivative securities on June 30, 2008.

Remarks:

Signatures

Paula J. Shives, Attorney-in-fact for McADAM, ROBERT S., 590 / 07-02-2008
0 Lake Ellenor Drive, P.O. Box 593330, Orlando, FL 32859-3330, Darden Restaurants, Inc. (DRI)

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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