

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GEORGE DAVID C

2. 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)
10/01/2007

____ 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)
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(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)		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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A	V	1,517	A \$ 0 1,517	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A		1,549	A \$ 0 3,066	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A		1,670	A \$ 0 4,736	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A		2,104	D \$ 0 6,840	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2007		A		4,332	A \$ 0 11,172	D	

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Common Stock 10/01/2007 A 7,801 A \$ 0 18,973 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)	8. Amount or Number of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 16.77	10/01/2007		A	17,888	10/01/2007 12/31/2010	Common Stock	17,888
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 16.77	10/01/2007		A	2,071	10/01/2007 12/31/2010	Common Stock	2,071
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 13.55	10/01/2007		A	1,491	10/01/2007 10/25/2011	Common Stock	1,491
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 13.55	10/01/2007		A	2,945	10/01/2007 10/25/2011	Common Stock	2,945
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 19.6	10/01/2007		A	3,937	10/01/2007 07/01/2012	Common Stock	3,937
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 19.6	10/01/2007		A	1,940	10/01/2007 07/01/2012	Common Stock	1,940
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 17.6	10/01/2007		A	1,893	10/01/2007 09/30/2012	Common Stock	1,893
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 17.6	10/01/2007		A	934	10/01/2007 09/30/2012	Common Stock	934
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 20.63	10/01/2007		A	3,510	10/01/2007 12/30/2012	Common Stock	3,510

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(Right-to-Buy)

Incentive Stock Option	\$ 20.63	10/01/2007	A	1,729	10/01/2007	12/30/2012	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 20.93	10/01/2007	A	4,452	10/01/2007	03/31/2013	Common Stock	4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 22.19	10/01/2007	A	34,959	10/01/2007	05/05/2013	Common Stock	34
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 22.19	10/01/2007	A	4,961	10/01/2007	05/05/2013	Common Stock	4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 24.4	10/01/2007	A	6,611	10/01/2007	06/30/2013	Common Stock	6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 25.25	10/01/2007	A	933	10/01/2007	10/21/2013	Common Stock	9
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 25.25	10/01/2007	A	1	10/01/2007	10/21/2013	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 30.6	10/01/2007	A	6,392	10/01/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	6
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 30.6	10/01/2007	A	3,149	10/01/2007	02/10/2014	Common Stock	3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 29.48	10/01/2007	A	4,829	10/01/2007	04/20/2014	Common Stock	4
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 29.48	10/01/2007	A	160	10/01/2007	04/20/2014	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 29.48	10/01/2007	A	8,871	10/01/2007	04/20/2014	Common Stock	8
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 30.22	10/01/2007	A	4,990	10/01/2007	07/20/2014	Common Stock	4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 34.03	10/01/2007	A	2,217	10/01/2007	10/19/2014	Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 35.51	10/01/2007	A	7,841	10/01/2007	02/08/2016	Common Stock	7
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 35.51	10/01/2007	A	10,682	10/01/2007	02/08/2016	Common Stock	10

(Right-to-Buy)

Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 35.94	10/01/2007	A	10,947	10/01/2007	02/13/2017	Common Stock	10
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Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 43	10/01/2007	A	36,143	10/01/2010	10/01/2017	Common Stock	36
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Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

By: Douglas E. Wentz, Attorney-in-Fact for David C.
George 10/03/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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