

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC  
 Form 4/A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BUETTGEN JAMES J**

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, P.O. BOX 593330**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**06/30/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SVP, Business Development**

**ORLANDO, FL 32859-3330**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
**07/03/2007**

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	06/30/2007		A	828 <sup>(1)</sup> A	\$ 0 23,774 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BUETTGEN JAMES J 5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE P.O. BOX 593330 ORLANDO, FL 32859-3330			SVP, Business Development					

## Signatures

Douglas E. Wentz, Attorney-in-fact for BUETTGEN, JAMES J., 5900 Lake Ellenor Drive, P.O. Box 593330, Orlando, FL 32859-3330, Darden Restaurants, Inc. (DRI) 05/28/2008

\*\*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).
- Reflects the issuance of common stock upon the vesting of performance stock units that are not derivative securities on June 30, 2007. The transaction originally was reported on a Form 4 filed on July 3, 2007 to report the acquisition of 661 shares. This amended Form 4 (1) corrects the original Form 4 to increase the number of shares acquired by 167 shares to 828 and to increase the total number of shares held on June 30, 2007 by 167 shares from 23,607 to 23,774. The total number of shares reported on Table I on intervening Form 4s for Mr. Buettgen should likewise be deemed to be amended to include an additional 167 shares.

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