

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
Form FWP
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Issuer Free Writing Prospectus

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to Prospectus dated October 9, 2007

Registration No. 333-146582

DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC.

FINAL TERM SHEET

Dated: October 10, 2007

5.625% Senior Notes due 2012

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| Issuer: | Darden Restaurants, Inc. |
| Size: | \$350,000,000 |
| Maturity: | October 15, 2012 |
| Coupon (Interest Rate): | 5.625% |
| Yield to Maturity: | 5.695% |
| Spread to Benchmark Treasury: | +133 basis points |
| Benchmark Treasury: | 4.25% due September 30, 2012 |
| Benchmark Treasury Price and Yield: | 99-15 3/4; 4.365% |
| Interest Payment Dates: | April 15 and October 15, beginning April 15, 2008 |
| Redemption Provisions: | In whole or in part, at any time, at the Issuer's option, at the greater of (i) 100% of principal amount or (ii) discounted present value at the Treasury Rate plus 20 basis points |
| Price to Public: | 99.699% |
| Settlement: | We expect to deliver the notes against payment for the notes on October 16, 2007, which will be the fourth business day following the date of the pricing of the notes. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, (referred to as T+3) unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes on the date of pricing will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+4, to specify an alternative settlement cycle to prevent a failed settlement. |
| Sole Book-Running Manager: | Banc of America Securities LLC |
| CUSIP: | 237194AF2 |
| Ratings: | Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., BBB+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and BBB by Fitch Ratings |

6.200% Senior Notes due 2017

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| Issuer: | Darden Restaurants, Inc. |
| Size: | \$500,000,000 |
| Maturity: | October 15, 2017 |
| Coupon (Interest Rate): | 6.200% |

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| Yield to Maturity: | 6.222% |
| Spread to Benchmark Treasury: | +158 basis points |
| Benchmark Treasury: | 4.75% due August 15, 2017 |
| Benchmark Treasury Price and Yield: | 100-27; 4.642% |
| Interest Payment Dates: | April 15 and October 15, beginning April 15, 2008 |
| Redemption Provisions: | In whole or in part, at any time, at the Issuer's option, at the greater of (i) 100% of principal amount or (ii) discounted present value at the Treasury Rate plus 25 basis points |
| Price to Public: | 99.838% |
| Settlement: | We expect to deliver the notes against payment for the notes on October 16, 2007, which will be the fourth business day following the date of the pricing of the notes. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, (referred to as T+3) unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes on the date of pricing will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+4, to specify an alternative settlement cycle to prevent a failed settlement. |
| Sole Book-Running Manager: | Banc of America Securities LLC |
| CUSIP: | 237194AG0 |
| Ratings: | Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., BBB+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and BBB by Fitch Ratings |

6.800% Senior Notes due 2037

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| Issuer: | Darden Restaurants, Inc. |
| Size: | \$300,000,000 |
| Maturity: | October 15, 2037 |
| Coupon (Interest Rate): | 6.800% |
| Yield to Maturity: | 6.865% |
| Spread to Benchmark Treasury: | +200 basis points |
| Benchmark Treasury: | 4.75% due February 15, 2037 |
| Benchmark Treasury Price and Yield: | 98-06+; 4.865% |
| Interest Payment Dates: | April 15 and October 15, beginning April 15, 2008 |
| Redemption Provisions: | In whole or in part, at any time, at the Issuer's option, at the greater of (i) 100% of principal amount or (ii) discounted present value at the Treasury Rate plus 35 basis points |
| Price to Public: | 99.178% |
| Settlement: | We expect to deliver the notes against payment for the notes on October 16, 2007, which will be the fourth business day following the date of the pricing of the notes. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, (referred to as T+3) unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes on the date of pricing will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+4, to specify an alternative settlement cycle to prevent a failed settlement. |

Sole Book-Running Manager: Banc of America Securities LLC
CUSIP: 237194AH8
Ratings: Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., BBB+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and BBB by Fitch Ratings

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