

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC
Form SC 13D/A
March 15, 2016

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 19)1

Darden Restaurants, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no par value per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

237194105
(CUSIP Number)

JEFFREY C. SMITH
STARBOARD VALUE LP
777 Third Avenue, 18th Floor
New York, New York 10017
(212) 845-7977

STEVE WOLOSKY, ESQ.
OLSHÂN FROME WOLOSKY LLP
Park Avenue Tower
65 East 55th Street
New York, New York 10022
(212) 451-2300

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 14, 2016

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box " .

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		6,678,859
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		6,678,859
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,678,859

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a)
GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

CAYMAN ISLANDS

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,455,612
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,455,612
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,455,612

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY S LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		332,977
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		332,977
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

332,977

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

2 STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY C LP
 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a)
 GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

5 WC
 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		182,516
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	182,516
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

182,516

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE R LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		182,516
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		182,516
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

182,516

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE R GP LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a)
GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		182,516
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	182,516
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

182,516

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Less than 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD LEADERS DELTA LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,984,443
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,984,443
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,984,443

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.6%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD LEADERS FUND LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,984,443
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,984,443
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,984,443

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.6%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE A LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,984,443
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,984,443
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,984,443

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.6%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE A GP LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,984,443
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,984,443
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,984,443

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.6%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD VALUE GP LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		6,678,859
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		6,678,859
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,678,859

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		6,678,859
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		6,678,859
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,678,859

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO GP LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		6,678,859
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		6,678,859
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,678,859

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JEFFREY C. SMITH

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		6,678,859
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		6,678,859

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,678,859

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

MARK R. MITCHELL

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		6,678,859
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		6,678,859

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,678,859

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

PETER A. FELD

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		6,320
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		6,678,859
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		6,320
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		6,678,859

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,685,179

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 237194105

The following constitutes Amendment No. 19 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (“Amendment No. 19”). This Amendment No. 19 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The Shares purchased by each of Starboard V&O Fund, Starboard S LLC, Starboard C LP and Starboard Delta LLC and held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts were purchased with working capital (which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business) in open market purchases, except as otherwise noted, as set forth in Schedule A, which is incorporated by reference herein. The aggregate purchase price of the 1,455,612 Shares beneficially owned by Starboard V&O Fund is approximately \$61,246,304, excluding brokerage commissions. The aggregate purchase price of the 332,977 Shares beneficially owned by Starboard S LLC is approximately \$14,184,448, excluding brokerage commissions. The aggregate purchase price of the 182,516 Shares beneficially owned by Starboard C LP is approximately \$7,708,404, excluding brokerage commissions. The aggregate purchase price of the 1,984,443 Shares beneficially owned by Starboard Delta LLC is approximately \$82,575,163, excluding brokerage commissions. The aggregate purchase price of the 2,723,311 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts is approximately \$123,429,433, excluding brokerage commissions. The 6,320 Shares directly owned by Mr. Feld were granted to Mr. Feld by the Issuer in his capacity as a director of the Issuer.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Items 5(a) - 5(c) are hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 128,236,458 Shares outstanding, as of December 15, 2015, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as reported in the Issuer’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 6, 2016.

A. Starboard V&O Fund

(a) As of the close of business on March 14, 2016, Starboard V&O Fund beneficially owned 1,455,612 Shares.

Percentage: Approximately 1.1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,455,612
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,455,612
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Starboard V&O Fund since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

CUSIP NO. 237194105

B. Starboard S LLC

(a) As of the close of business on March 14, 2016, Starboard S LLC beneficially owned 332,977 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 332,977
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 332,977
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Starboard S LLC since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

C. Starboard C LP

(a) As of the close of business on March 14, 2016, Starboard C LP beneficially owned 182,516 Shares.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 182,516
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 182,516
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Starboard C LP since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

D. Starboard R LP

(a) Starboard R LP, as the general partner of Starboard C LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 182,516 shares owned by Starboard C LP.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 182,516
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 182,516
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard R LP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard C LP since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

CUSIP NO. 237194105

E. Starboard R GP

(a) Starboard R GP, as the general partner of Starboard R LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 182,516 shares owned by Starboard C LP.

Percentage: Less than 1%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 182,516
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 182,516
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard R GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard C LP since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

F. Starboard Delta LLC

(a) As of the close of business on March 14, 2016, Starboard Delta LLC beneficially owned 1,984,443 Shares.

Percentage: Approximately 1.6%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,984,443
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,984,443
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) The transactions in the Shares by Starboard Delta LLC since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

G. Starboard Leaders Fund

(a) Starboard Leaders Fund, as a member of Starboard Delta LLC, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 1,984,443 shares owned by Starboard Delta LLC.

Percentage: Approximately 1.6%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,984,443
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,984,443
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard Leaders Fund has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard Delta LLC since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

CUSIP NO. 237194105

H. Starboard A LP

(a) Starboard A LP, as the general partner of Starboard Leaders Fund and the managing member of Starboard Delta LLC, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 1,984,443 shares owned by Starboard Delta LLC.

Percentage: Approximately 1.6%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,984,443
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,984,443
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard A LP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard Delta LLC since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

I. Starboard A GP

(a) Starboard A GP, as the general partner of Starboard A LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 1,984,443 shares owned by Starboard Delta LLC.

Percentage: Approximately 1.6%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 1,984,443
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,984,443
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard A GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of Starboard Delta LLC since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

J. Starboard Value LP

(a) As of the close of business on March 14, 2016, 2,723,311 Shares were held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts. Starboard Value LP, as the investment manager of Starboard V&O Fund, Starboard C LP, Starboard Delta LLC and the Starboard Value LP Accounts and the manager of Starboard S LLC, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,455,612 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 332,977 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 182,516 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,984,443 Shares owned by Starboard Delta LLC and (v) 2,723,311 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.2%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 6,678,859
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,678,859
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard Value LP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares by Starboard Value LP through the Starboard Value LP Accounts and on behalf of each of Starboard V&O Fund, Starboard S LLC, Starboard C LP and Starboard Delta LLC since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

CUSIP NO. 237194105

K. Starboard Value GP

(a) Starboard Value GP, as the general partner of Starboard Value LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,455,612 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 332,977 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 182,516 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,984,443 Shares owned by Starboard Delta LLC and (v) 2,723,311 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.2%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 6,678,859
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,678,859
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Starboard Value GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Starboard V&O Fund, Starboard S LLC, Starboard C LP and Starboard Delta LLC and through the Starboard Value LP Accounts since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

L. Principal Co

(a) Principal Co, as a member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,455,612 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 332,977 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 182,516 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,984,443 Shares owned by Starboard Delta LLC and (v) 2,723,311 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.2%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 6,678,859
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,678,859
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Principal Co has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Starboard V&O Fund, Starboard S LLC, Starboard C LP and Starboard Delta LLC and through the Starboard Value LP Accounts since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

M. Principal GP

(a) Principal GP, as the general partner of Principal Co, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,455,612 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 332,977 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 182,516 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,984,443 Shares owned by Starboard Delta LLC and (v) 2,723,311 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.2%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 6,678,859

2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,678,859
4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) Principal GP has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Starboard V&O Fund, Starboard S LLC, Starboard C LP and Starboard Delta LLC and through the Starboard Value LP Accounts since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

CUSIP NO. 237194105

N. Mr. Feld

(a) As of the close of business on March 14, 2016, Mr. Feld directly owned 6,320 Shares. Mr. Feld, as a member of Principal GP and as a member of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,455,612 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 332,977 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 182,516 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,984,443 Shares owned by Starboard Delta LLC and (v) 2,723,311 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.2%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 6,320
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 6,678,859
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,320
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,678,859

(c) Mr. Feld has not entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Starboard V&O Fund, Starboard S LLC, Starboard C LP and Starboard Delta LLC and through the Starboard Value LP Accounts since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

O. Messrs. Smith and Mitchell

(a) Each of Messrs. Smith and Mitchell, as a member of Principal GP and as a member of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 1,455,612 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 332,977 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 182,516 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 1,984,443 Shares owned by Starboard Delta LLC and (v) 2,723,311 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Accounts.

Percentage: Approximately 5.2%

- (b)
1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 6,678,859
 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 6,678,859

(c) None of Messrs. Smith or Mitchell has entered into any transactions in the Shares since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D. The transactions in the Shares on behalf of each of Starboard V&O Fund, Starboard S LLC, Starboard C LP and Starboard Delta LLC and through the Starboard Value LP Accounts since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D are set forth in Schedule A and are incorporated herein by reference.

Each Reporting Person, as a member of a "group" with the other Reporting Persons for the purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the Shares directly owned by the other Reporting Persons. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares except to the extent of his, her or its pecuniary interest therein.

CUSIP NO. 237194105

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 14, 2016

STARBOARD VALUE AND
OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD

By: Starboard Value LP,
its investment manager

STARBOARD VALUE A LP

By: Starboard Value A GP LLC,
its general partner

STARBOARD VALUE AND
OPPORTUNITY S LLC

By: Starboard Value LP,
its manager

STARBOARD VALUE LP

By: Starboard Value GP LLC,
its general partner

STARBOARD VALUE AND
OPPORTUNITY C LP

By: Starboard Value R LP
its general partner

STARBOARD VALUE GP LLC

By: Starboard Principal Co LP,
its member

STARBOARD VALUE R LP

By: Starboard Value R GP LLC,
its general partner

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP

By: Starboard Principal Co GP LLC,
its general partner

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO GP LLC

STARBOARD LEADERS DELTA LLC

By: Starboard Value A LP,
its managing member

STARBOARD VALUE A GP LLC

STARBOARD VALUE R GP LLC

STARBOARD LEADERS FUND LP

By: Starboard Value A LP
its general partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey C.

Smith

Name: Jeffrey C.

Smith

Title: Authorized

Signatory

/s/ Jeffrey C.

Smith

JEFFREY C.

SMITH

Individually and
as
attorney-in-fact
for Mark R.
Mitchell and
Peter A. Feld

24

CUSIP NO. 237194105

SCHEDULE A

Transactions in the Shares Since the filing of Amendment No. 18 to the Schedule 13D

Shares of Common Stock Purchased/(Sold)	Price Per Share(\$)	Date of Purchase / Sale
STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD		
(29,639)	65.1643	03/07/2016
(1,275)	65.1679	03/08/2016
(1,777)	66.6206	03/09/2016
(32,692)	66.7660	03/09/2016
(32,692)	66.4335	03/09/2016
(32,692)	66.3318	03/09/2016
(32,692)	66.6029	03/09/2016
(32,692)	66.9619	03/09/2016
(2,675)	67.4026	03/09/2016
(719)	67.7093	03/09/2016
(2,354)	67.2690	03/10/2016
(27,662)	67.4447	03/11/2016
(26,166)	67.8212	03/11/2016
(16,832)	68.0290	03/11/2016
(5,806)	67.6252	03/14/2016
(1,941)	67.9599	03/14/2016

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY S LLC

(6,780)	65.1643	03/07/2016
(292)	65.1679	03/08/2016
(406)	66.6206	03/09/2016
(7,478)	66.7660	03/09/2016
(7,478)	66.4335	03/09/2016
(7,478)	66.3318	03/09/2016
(7,478)	66.6029	03/09/2016
(7,478)	66.9619	03/09/2016
(612)	67.4026	03/09/2016
(165)	67.7093	03/09/2016
(538)	67.2690	03/10/2016
(6,328)	67.4447	03/11/2016
(5,986)	67.8212	03/11/2016
(3,851)	68.0290	03/11/2016
(1,328)	67.6252	03/14/2016
(444)	67.9599	03/14/2016

CUSIP NO. 237194105

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY C LP

(3,716)	65.1643	03/07/2016
(160)	65.1679	03/08/2016
(223)	66.6206	03/09/2016
(4,099)	66.7660	03/09/2016
(4,099)	66.4335	03/09/2016
(4,099)	66.3318	03/09/2016
(4,099)	66.6029	03/09/2016
(4,099)	66.9619	03/09/2016
(335)	67.4026	03/09/2016
(90)	67.7093	03/09/2016
(295)	67.2690	03/10/2016
(3,469)	67.4447	03/11/2016
(3,281)	67.8212	03/11/2016
(2,111)	68.0290	03/11/2016
(728)	67.6252	03/14/2016
(243)	67.9599	03/14/2016

STARBOARD LEADERS DELTA LLC

(40,408)	65.1643	03/07/2016
(1,739)	65.1679	03/08/2016
(2,422)	66.6206	03/09/2016
(44,568)	66.7660	03/09/2016
(44,568)	66.4335	03/09/2016
(44,568)	66.3318	03/09/2016
(44,568)	66.6029	03/09/2016
(44,568)	66.9619	03/09/2016
(3,647)	67.4026	03/09/2016
(981)	67.7093	03/09/2016
(3,209)	67.2690	03/10/2016
(37,712)	67.4447	03/11/2016
(35,673)	67.8212	03/11/2016
(22,949)	68.0290	03/11/2016
(7,915)	67.6252	03/14/2016
(2,646)	67.9599	03/14/2016

STARBOARD VALUE LP
(Through the Starboard Value LP Accounts)

(55,453)	65.1643	03/07/2016
(2,386)	65.1679	03/08/2016
(3,324)	66.6206	03/09/2016
(61,163)	66.7660	03/09/2016
(61,163)	66.4335	03/09/2016
(61,163)	66.3318	03/09/2016
(61,163)	66.6029	03/09/2016

Edgar Filing: DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC - Form SC 13D/A

(61,163)	66.9619	03/09/2016
(5,006)	67.4026	03/09/2016
(1,345)	67.7093	03/09/2016
(4,404)	67.2690	03/10/2016
(51,754)	67.4447	03/11/2016
(48,956)	67.8212	03/11/2016
(31,493)	68.0290	03/11/2016
(10,861)	67.6252	03/14/2016
(3,631)	67.9599	03/14/2016