

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### SUBJECT COMPANY

#### **DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC**

CIK: **940944** | IRS No.: **593305930** | State of Incorporation: **FL** | Fiscal Year End: **0526**

Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-13666** | Film No.: **02640573**

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#### Mailing Address

*5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE  
ORLANDO FL 32809*

#### Business Address

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4072454000*

### REPORTING OWNER

#### **MOULLET BARRY B**

CIK: **1090005**

Type: **4**

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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations  
may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Moulet Barry B.  
-----  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE  
-----  
(Street)

ORLANDO FLORIDA 32859-3330  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

4/2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

Form filed by one Reporting Person  
 Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	Price			
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Common Stock	04/12/02	M	7,500	A	\$ 8.50		

Common Stock	04/12/02	M	7,835	A	\$ 9.00		
Common Stock	04/12/02	M	3,334	A	\$ 9.00		
Common Stock	04/12/02	S	7,835	D	\$40.25		
Common Stock	04/12/02	S	3,334	D	\$40.25		
Common Stock	04/12/02	S	7,500	D	\$40.25	1 21,697	D

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\* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4 (b) (v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Response)

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FORM 4 (continued)

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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares Title	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End Month (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.50	04/12/02	M	7,500	09/19/99 09/19/06	Common Stock 7,500		0	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.00	04/12/02	M	7,835	06/17/99 06/17/07	Common Stock 7,835		0	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.00	04/12/02	M	3,334	06/17/99 06/17/07	Common Stock 3,334		0	D	

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Explanation of Responses:

1 The prices and amounts of securities reported in this Form 4 for transactions occurring during April 2002 have not been adjusted to reflect Darden's 3-for-2 stock split in the form of a 50% share dividend that was payable on May 1, 2002. Prices and amounts of securities will be adjusted to reflect the 3-for-2 split in the next Form 4 or Form 5 to be filed for the reporting person covering transactions occurring on or after May 1, 2002.

/s/ Douglas E. Wentz

5/9/02

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

BY: DOUGLAS E. WENTZ, Attorney-in-fact

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4/2002

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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