SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT
for Darden Group Life & Benefit Plan for Hourly Employees

This is a summary of the annual report of the Darden Group Life & Benefit Plan for Hourly Employees, EIN 59-3305930, Plan No. 687, for the period January 01, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Insurance Information
The plan has contracts with Life Insurance Company of North America - Cigna, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, UnitedHealthcare of California, Vision Service Plan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, Health Net, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc., Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado, Safeguard Health Plans, Inc., a California Corporation, Safeguard Health Plans, Inc., a Florida Corporation, Safeguard Health Plans, Inc., a Texas Corporation, Delta Dental Insurance Company, United Healthcare Insurance Company, Hyatt Legal Plans of Florida and Aetna Life Insurance Co. to pay health, dental, vision, life insurance, long-term disability, HMO, PPO, accidental death and legal claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 2014 were $156,833,212. Because they are so called "experience-rated" contracts, the premium costs are affected by, among other things, the number and size of claims. Of the total insurance premiums paid for the plan year ending December 31, 2014, the premiums paid under such "experience-rated" contracts were $51,351,219 and the total of all benefit claims paid under these contracts during the plan year was $42,586,223.

Your Rights to Additional Information
You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

- insurance information, including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers;

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of Darden Restaurants, Inc. in care of Kathy Bernhardt who is Plan Administrator at PO Box 695011, Orlando, FL 32869-5011, or by telephone at (407) 245-5287. The charge to cover copying costs will be $0.25 per page for any part thereof.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan (Darden Restaurants, Inc., Kathy Bernhardt, PO Box 695011, Orlando, FL 32869-5011) and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Room N1513, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.