



Darden Restaurants to Participate at Telsey Advisory Group's Inaugural Consumer Conference

ORLANDO, Fla., March 31, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Darden Restaurants, Inc., Orlando, FL (NYSE: DRI) will be presenting at the Telsey Advisory Group's Inaugural Consumer Growth Conference to be held in New York City, NY. There will be an on-line simulcast of the Company's presentation which begins at 8:10 am (Eastern) on Thursday, April 2, 2009, available at the Company's website, www.darden.com and

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The archived webcast will also be available on the home page of the company's website www.darden.com through April 9, 2009.

Darden Restaurants, Inc., (NYSE: DRI) headquartered in Orlando, Fla., is the world's largest full-service restaurant company with almost \$6.7 billion in annual sales and approximately 180,000 employees. The Company owns and operates over 1,700 restaurants including Red Lobster, Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Bahama Breeze and Seasons 52. For more information, please visit www.Darden.com.

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