



Darden Restaurants to Present at Baird's Growth Stock 2009 Conference

ORLANDO, Fla., May 12, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Darden Restaurants, Inc., (NYSE: DRI) will be presenting at Baird's Growth Stock 2009 Conference to be held in Chicago, Illinois. There will be an on-line simulcast of the Company's presentation which begins at 9:20 am (Eastern) on Thursday, May 14, 2009, available at the Company's website, www.darden.com. An audio-only webcast of the Company's presentation will be available over the Internet at <http://www.wsw.com/webcast/baird8/dri/>.

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The archived webcast will also be available on the home page of the company's website www.darden.com through May 21, 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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