



Darden Restaurants to Present at Oppenheimer & Co. 9th Annual Consumer, Gaming, Lodging & Leisure Conference

ORLANDO, Fla., July 10, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Darden Restaurants, Inc., (NYSE: DRI) will be presenting at Oppenheimer & Co. 9th Annual Consumer, Gaming, Lodging & Leisure Conference to be held in New York City, New York. There will be an on-line simulcast of the Company's presentation which begins at 1:25 pm (Eastern) on Tuesday, July 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.veracast.com/webcasts/opco/consumer09/37107267.cfm>

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The archived webcast will also be available on the home page of the company's website www.darden.com through July 21, 2009.

Darden Restaurants, Inc., (NYSE: DRI) headquartered in Orlando, Fla., is the world's largest company-owned and operated full-service restaurant company with over \$7.2 billion in annual sales and approximately 180,000 employees. Darden is recognized for a culture that rewards caring for and responding to people. Our restaurant brands -- Red Lobster, Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Bahama Breeze and Seasons 52 -- reflect the rich diversity of those who dine with us. Our brands are built on deep insights into what our guests want. For more information, please visit www.darden.com.

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