Darden Restaurants Invites You to Join Its Participation in The Banc of America Securities Consumer 2001 Conference

ORLANDO, Fla., Apr 2, 2001 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- In conjunction with the Darden Restaurants' (NYSE: DRI) presentation at the Banc of America Securities Consumer 2001 Conference in New York City at The Palace Hotel, we invite you to listen to the proceedings that will be broadcast live over the Internet on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at 11:15 a.m. EDT with Joe R. Lee, Chairman & CEO.

What: Darden Restaurants' Participation at the Banc of America Consumer 2001 Conference

When: 11:15 a.m. EDT, April 4, 2001

Where: http://www.veracast.com/bas_consumer2001/webcasts/id48100909.cfm

How: Live over the Internet -- simply log on to the Web at the address above

As the largest casual dining restaurant company in the world, Darden Restaurants, Inc., owns and operates over 1,100 Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Bahama Breeze and Smokey Bones BBQ restaurants, with annual sales of almost $4 billion. Darden is headquartered in Orlando, Fla.