Darden Restaurants Invites You to Join Its Investors Conference on the Web

ORLANDO, Fla., April 04 - In conjunction with the Darden Restaurants (NYSE: DRI) Investors Conference, you are invited to listen to the proceedings that will be broadcast live over the Internet on Friday, April 6, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. ET with Joe R. Lee, Chairman & CEO, and other senior management.

What: Darden Restaurants Investors Conference in New York City

When: 9:00 a.m. ET, April 6, 2001

Where: http://www.videonewswire.com/DARDEN/040601/

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.

CONTACT: Investors, Matthew Stroud, 407-245-5550, or Media, Rick Walsh, 407-245-5366, both of Darden Restaurants, Inc.

If you are unable to participate during the live webcast, audio from the meeting will be archived on Darden Restaurant's Web site, http://www.darden.com. To access the replay, click on NEWSFLASH.

(Minimum Requirements to listen to broadcast: RealPlayer software, downloadable free from www.real.com/products/player/index.html, and at least a 14.4Kbps connection to the Internet. If you experience problems listening to the broadcast, send an e-mail to webmaster@vdat.com.)

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