Darden Restaurants Inc.

DRI

NYSE; shops; SIC 5812, Retail-Eating Places; CIK 0000940944

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middle fifth of 256 graded peers in shops

rank 134 of 256; percentile 52.2; sampling error 2.9 points; lower is stronger

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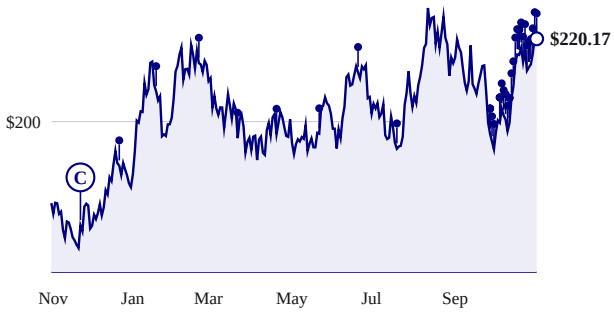
C, the tortoise



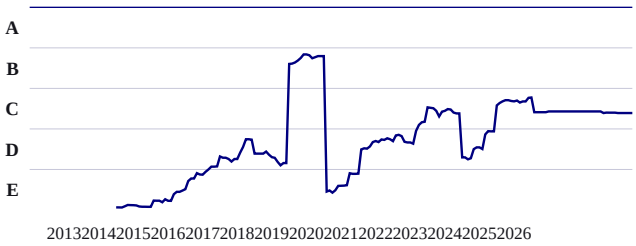
Scoreboard	
Profitability	B/C percentile 40.0
Solvency	D percentile 66.0
Growth and financing	B/C percentile 42.9
Reliability	0.94 AUC filers with over $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	0.52% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over $2.67B assets total assets $12.9B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: distress
Inputs computable	12 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Jul 24, 2026 100 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Oct 2, 2026
Last close	$220.05 2026-10-30; market equity $24.9B; no price enters the letter

Share price, twelve months to the rescan



Split-adjusted close. Each lollipop is a rescan and carries the letter held then.

Letter at every rescan, 2012 to 2026



Sector percentile at each rescan, stronger toward the top; facts filed by each date only.

Business, in the company's words

opening of Item 1 of the 10-K received Jul 24, 2026

Darden Restaurants, Inc. ("Darden," the "Company," "we," "us," or "our") is a full-service restaurant company, and as of May 31, 2026, we owned and operated 2,202 restaurants through subsidiaries in the United States under the Olive Garden®, LongHorn Steakhouse®, Yard House®, Ruth's Chris Steak House® ("Ruth's Chris"), Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen®, The Capital Grille®, Chuy's®, Seasons 52®, Eddie V's Prime Seafood® ("Eddie V's"), Bahama Breeze®, and The Capital Burger® trademarks.

The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; sleeves and inputs within a sleeve carry equal weight

Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 40.0						
Gross profitability	20.9%	42.0%		79.5	240	2026-05-31
Return on invested capital	35.4%	10.9%		15.7	84	2026-05-31
Accruals ratio	(5.1%)	(4.8%)		49.3	285	2026-05-31
Gross margin stability, five years	0.5 pts	1.2 pts		15.7	218	2026-05-31

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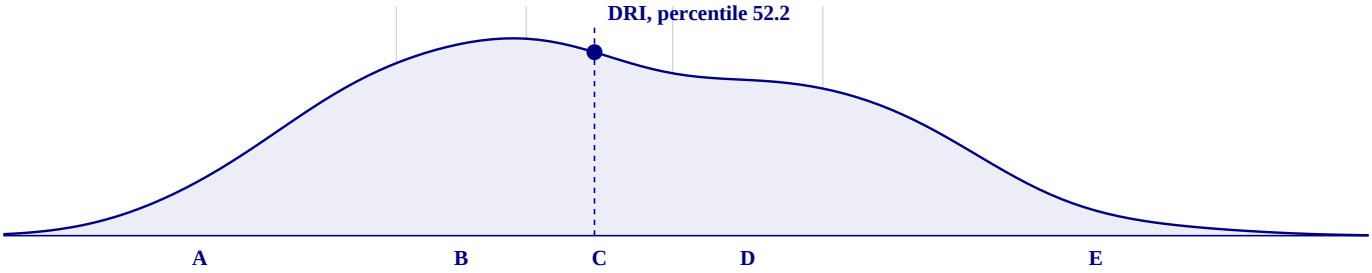
Solvency, sleeve percentile 66.0						
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.03%				
latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required						
Altman Z double-prime	(0.03)	1.93	69.1	205	2026-05-31	
Net debt to EBITDA	0.66x	1.84x	32.3	100	2026-05-31	
Interest coverage	not computable	2.28x				
latest aligned inputs end 2023-05-28; latest annual assets end 2026-05-31						
Current ratio	0.31x	1.38x	96.6	293	2026-05-31	
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 42.9						
Revenue growth, three-year compound	8.0%	1.6%	20.3	267	2026-05-31	
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	4.2%	5.2%	53.7	148	2026-05-31	
Reinvestment rate	(41.9%)	8.4%	83.4	152	2026-05-31	
Asset growth, three years	7.9%	3.4%	28.6	270	2026-05-31	
Net share issuance, one year	(2.5%)	(0.6%)	28.5	208	2026-05-31	

Among 256 peers

shops; letters are fifths of this list



Composite score of every graded peer, smoothed; vertical rules are the letter band edges; stronger to the left.

Rank	Company	Percentile	Letter	Warnings
129	Foster L B Co. (FSTR)	50.2	C	
130	TD Synnex Corp. (SNX)	50.6	C	
131	Titan Machinery Inc. (TITN)	51.0	C	fortress balance sheet
132	Bath & Body Works, Inc. (BBWI)	51.4	C	
133	Mckesson Corp. (MCK)	51.8	C	
134	Darden Restaurants Inc. (DRI)	52.2	C	
135	Hudson Technologies Inc. (HDSN)	52.5	C	
136	Penske Automotive Group, Inc. (PAG)	52.9	C	
137	Walmart Inc. (WMT)	53.3	C	
138	Insight Enterprises Inc. (NSIT)	53.7	C	
139	Lithia Motors Inc. (LAD)	54.1	C	

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-30 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	8.9%	(0.4%)	61
Distance from 52-week high	(3.3%)	(20.3%)	91
EBIT to enterprise value	6.0%	5.2%	57
Free cash flow yield	4.5%	3.9%	56
Book value to price	0.08	0.35	22
Sales to price	0.53	1.59	17
Composite equity issuance, five years	(31.7%)	(16.8%)	23
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.18	0.09	61

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Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 6 of 9, period end 2026-05-31	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	pass
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	pass
Current ratio improved	fail
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$220.5M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$1.8B
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	30 (10-Q received Oct 2, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$221.6M

Sources

every fact behind the inputs; each row links to its filing index on sec.gov

#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.7B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$12.9B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$1.6B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$1.4B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$174.9M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$1.6B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$2.2B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$219.5M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$2.1B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$2.3B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$240.0M	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$1.2B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesC...	$1.9B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$12.6B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$13.2B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.5B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$12.1B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.3B	2024-05-26	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$11.4B	2024-05-26	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$2.0B	2023-05-28	2025-07-18	10-K	25-000038
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$10.5B	2023-05-28	2025-07-18	10-K	25-000038
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$1.9B	2022-05-29	2024-07-19	10-K	24-000035
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$9.6B	2022-05-29	2024-07-19	10-K	24-000035
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$942.9M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$3.0B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	-$108.4M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$10.7B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$561.1M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
29	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$1.2B	2023-05-28	2025-07-18	10-K	25-000038
30	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$50.2M	2023-05-28	2023-07-21	10-K	23-000037
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$734.0M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025

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32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesC...	$1.7B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$644.6M	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesC...	$1.6B	2024-05-26	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$601.2M	2024-05-26	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesC...	$1.6B	2023-05-28	2025-07-18	10-K	25-000038
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$564.9M	2023-05-28	2025-07-18	10-K	25-000038
38	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$937.7M	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
39	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$2.2B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$11.3B	2024-05-26	2025-07-18	10-K	25-000038
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$10.2B	2023-05-28	2024-07-19	10-K	24-000035
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	114,077,969	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	26-000025
43	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	117,033,830	2025-05-25	2025-07-18	10-K	25-000038

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