

Darden Restaurants Inc. (DRI)

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

Darden Restaurants Inc.	
DRI; shops	
Grade	C A B C D E middle fifth of 258 graded peers percentile 51.8; sampling error 2.9 points; lower is stronger
Rank	134 of 258
Profitability	B/C percentile 40.3
Solvency	D percentile 65.6
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 active not computable: distress
Inputs computable	12 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Jul 24, 2026 77 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Oct 2, 2026
Last close	\$200.56 2026-10-08; market equity \$22.7B
Price used in grade	None



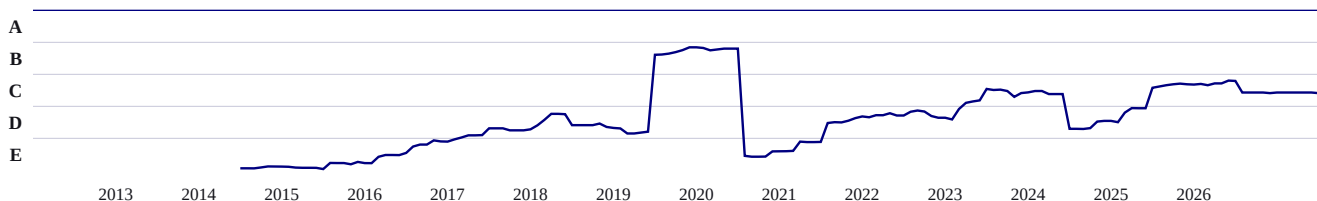
C, the tortoise
middle fifth of its sector; letters are fifths of the 258 graded peers

Share price, twelve months to the rescan
split-adjusted close; the letter is fixed at the rescan that set it


Rescans on file: C from Jun 21, 2023, D from Jul 21, 2024, C/D from Apr 21, 2025

Letter at every rescans

Jan 21, 2012 to Oct 9, 2026; sector percentile, 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.

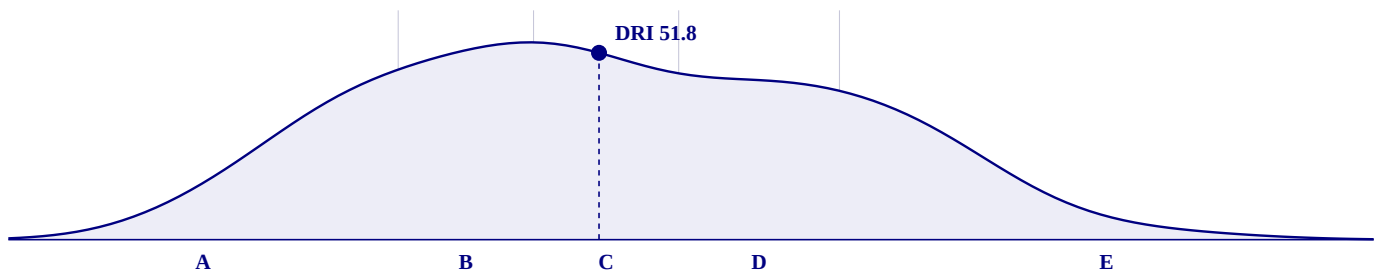
The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; equal-weighted sleeves

Input	Percentile, 0 to 100	Value	Peer median	Percentile	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 40.3						
Gross profitability		20.9%	42.6%	79.7	242	2026-05-31
Return on invested capital		35.4%	10.9%	15.7	84	2026-05-31
Accruals ratio		(5.1%)	(4.9%)	50.3	287	2026-05-31
Gross margin stability, five years		0.5 pts	1.2 pts	15.6	219	2026-05-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 65.6						
Twelve-month failure probability		not computable	0.04%			latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required
Altman Z double-prime		(0.03)	1.92	68.1	208	2026-05-31
Net debt to EBITDA		0.66x	1.84x	32.3	100	2026-05-31
Interest coverage		not computable	2.26x			latest aligned inputs end 2023-05-28; latest annual assets end 2026-05-31
Current ratio		0.31x	1.37x	96.3	295	2026-05-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 42.9						
Revenue growth, three-year compound		8.0%	1.5%	20.1	269	2026-05-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound		4.2%	5.6%	54.8	147	2026-05-31
Reinvestment rate		(41.9%)	7.3%	83.4	152	2026-05-31
Asset growth, three years		7.9%	3.4%	28.4	272	2026-05-31
Net share issuance, one year		(2.5%)	(0.6%)	27.6	211	2026-05-31

Among 258 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	TD Synnex Corp. (SNX)	49.8	C	
130	Boise Cascade Co. (BCC)	50.2	C	
131	Titan Machinery Inc. (TITN)	50.6	C	fortress balance sheet
132	Bath & Body Works, Inc. (BBWI)	51.0	C	
133	Mckesson Corp. (MCK)	51.4	C	
134	Darden Restaurants Inc. (DRI) <	51.8	C	
135	Hudson Technologies Inc. (HDSN)	52.1	C	
136	Penske Automotive Group, Inc. (PAG)	52.5	C	
137	Walmart Inc. (WMT)	52.9	C	

138	Natural Health Trends Corp. (NHTC)	53.3	C
139	Insight Enterprises Inc. (NSIT)	53.7	C

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-08 close; none enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	16.1%	(0.1%)	65
Distance from 52-week high	(11.9%)	(24.1%)	76
EBIT to enterprise value	6.6%	5.3%	64
Free cash flow yield	4.9%	4.2%	56
Book value to price	0.09	0.36	22
Sales to price	0.58	1.75	20
Composite equity issuance, five years	(30.9%)	(16.7%)	24
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.17	0.02	65

Diagnostics

not in 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	7 (10-Q received Oct 2, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	\$245.3M

Sources

each row links to the 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	0000940944-26-000025
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$12.9B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$1.6B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeIncomeTaxesExtraord	\$1.4B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	\$174.9M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	\$1.6B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$2.2B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$219.5M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	\$2.1B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$2.3B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$240.0M	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	\$1.2B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesContinuingOperations	\$1.9B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$12.6B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$13.2B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$2.5B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$12.1B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$2.3B	2024-05-26	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$11.4B	2024-05-26	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$2.0B	2023-05-28	2025-07-18	10-K	0000940944-25-000038

21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$10.5B	2023-05-28	2025-07-18	10-K	0000940944-25-000038
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	\$1.9B	2022-05-29	2024-07-19	10-K	0000940944-24-000035
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$9.6B	2022-05-29	2024-07-19	10-K	0000940944-24-000035
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$942.9M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$3.0B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	-\$108.4M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	\$10.7B	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	\$561.1M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
29	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	\$1.2B	2023-05-28	2025-07-18	10-K	0000940944-25-000038
30	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	\$50.2M	2023-05-28	2023-07-21	10-K	0000940944-23-000037
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$734.0M	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesContinuingOperation	\$1.7B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$644.6M	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesContinuingOperation	\$1.6B	2024-05-26	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$601.2M	2024-05-26	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivitiesContinuingOperation	\$1.6B	2023-05-28	2025-07-18	10-K	0000940944-25-000038
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	\$564.9M	2023-05-28	2025-07-18	10-K	0000940944-25-000038
38	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$937.7M	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
39	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$2.2B	2025-05-25	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$11.3B	2024-05-26	2025-07-18	10-K	0000940944-25-000038
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$10.2B	2023-05-28	2024-07-19	10-K	0000940944-24-000035
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	114,077,969	2026-05-31	2026-07-24	10-K	0000940944-26-000025
43	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	117,033,830	2025-05-25	2025-07-18	10-K	0000940944-25-000038