STARBUCKS CORP Form 8-K January 08, 2015

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 8, 2015

Starbucks Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington (State of

0-20322 (Commission 91-1325671 (IRS Employer

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Incorporation)

File Number) 2401 Utah Avenue South,

Identification No.)

Seattle, Washington 98134

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(206) 447-1575

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 8, 2015, Starbucks Corporation (<u>Starbucks</u> or the <u>Company</u>) announced that Troy Alstead, Starbucks chief operating officer, is taking an extended unpaid leave from the Company effective March 1, 2015. Further transition plans will be detailed by Mr. Alstead and Howard Schultz, Starbucks chairman, president and chief executive officer, on the Company s Q1 earnings call, scheduled for January 22, 2015.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

A copy of the Company s press release relating to the foregoing announcement, dated January 8, 2015, is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits:

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 8, 2015

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STARBUCKS CORPORATION

Dated: January 8, 2015

By: /s/ Lucy Lee Helm Name: Lucy Lee Helm

Title: executive vice president, general counsel

and secretary

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99.1 Press Release dated January 8, 2015