

Darden Picks NCR for POS; World's Largest Casual Dining Operator to Deploy NCR RealPOS in 1,300 Restaurants

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ATLANTA, Jun 21, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- NCR Corporation (NYSE:NCR) today announced that Darden Restaurants (NYSE:DRI) has selected NCR as its point-of-sale (POS) provider for its Olive Garden, Red Lobster and Smokey Bones branded locations throughout the United States and Canada. Deployment for the more than 1,300 locations will begin in the coming months.

NCR will provide NCR RealPOS(TM) 70 POS terminals as well as printers and cash drawers as part of a technology refresh of Darden's existing PC-based POS systems. NCR was also awarded the maintenance contract.

"Darden pioneered POS technology in the casual dining industry," said Val Collins, Darden's chief information officer. "We believe in leveraging technology as a strategic point of difference and are constantly looking for ways to improve systems and processes in our restaurants that lead to better dining experiences for our guests."

Offering a stable, industry-standard POS platform and readily accessible components, the NCR RealPOS 70 is designed to be easy to upgrade and service.

"The NCR RealPOS 70 offers unique serviceability, which greatly improves the system's overall availability and is one of the key components in our strategy to offer a POS system that provides both value and differentiation," said NCR Vice President of Hospitality Sales Tracy Flynn.

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