

STARBUCKS CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 05, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 3, 2011

**STARBUCKS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Washington  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

0-20322  
(Commission  
File Number)

91-1325671  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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2401 Utah Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98134

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(206) 447-1575

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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- 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 May 3, 2011, the Board of Directors of Starbucks Corporation (the Company) increased the number of directors of the Company from 10 to 11 and elected Joshua Cooper Ramo to serve as a director of the Company. Mr. Ramo was also appointed to serve on the Company's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. A copy of the press release containing the announcement of Mr. Ramo's election is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Mr. Ramo will participate in the standard compensation plan for non-employee directors, including the new non-employee director stock option award, as described in the Company's proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. There is no arrangement or understanding pursuant to which Mr. Ramo was elected as a director, and there are no related party transactions between the Company and Mr. Ramo that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
|-------------|--|
| 99.1        | Press release of Starbucks Corporation dated May 5, 2011 |

**SIGNATURES**

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: May 5, 2011

By: /s/ Paula E. Boggs  
Paula E. Boggs  
executive vice president, general  
  
counsel and secretary

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