

STARBUCKS CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 13, 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): January 7, 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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- 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 7, 2011, Barbara Bass, a member of the Board of Directors of Starbucks Corporation (the Company) since 1996, notified the Board of Directors of her intention not to stand for re-election at the Company's 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Ms. Bass's distinguished service on the Board of Directors includes serving as the Chair of the Compensation and Management Development Committee since 2003. I'd like to personally thank Barbara for her countless contributions and distinguished service on the Board of Directors for the past 15 years, stated Howard Schultz, Starbucks chairman, president and chief executive officer. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is the letter from Ms. Bass to Mr. Schultz dated January 7, 2011.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Letter dated January 7, 2011 from Barbara Bass to Howard Schultz, Chairman & CEO, Starbucks Corporation

**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: January 13, 2011

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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