STARBUCKS CORP Form 8-K March 10, 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): March 10, 2011

# STARBUCKS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Washington (State or Other Jurisdiction

0-20322 (Commission 91-1325671 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

#### 2401 Utah Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98134

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(206) 447-1575

(Registrant s Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing 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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD.

On March 10, 2011, Starbucks Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that the Company has entered into a manufacturing, sales and distribution arrangement with Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. (Green Mountain) and Keurig Incorporated. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

In connection with that arrangement, subject to customary exceptions, the Company (including its subsidiaries) will be limited in its ability to acquire Green Mountain s common stock or propose any extraordinary Green Mountain transactions.

The information furnished in Item 7.01, including the exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed filed for any purpose, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filing. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in the report that is provided in connection with Regulation FD.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 10, 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: March 10, 2011

By: /s/ Troy Alstead
Troy Alstead
chief financial officer and chief administrative officer

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Press Release dated March 10, 2011