

STARBUCKS CORP
Form 8-K
January 12, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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 6, 2009

STARBUCKS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Washington
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

0-20322
(Commission File Number)

91-1325671
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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))
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Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On January 6, 2009, the Board of Directors of Starbucks Corporation (the Company) approved amendments to the Company s amended and restated bylaws (as amended, the Amended Bylaws). The principal changes effected by the adoption of the Amended Bylaws were (i) expanded information requirements for any shareholder proposing director nominations or any other business for consideration at a meeting of shareholders, including disclosure of hedging, derivative interests and other similar ownership arrangements; (ii) revised advance notice provisions to ensure that such provisions are clear and unambiguous and that compliance with the notice procedures set forth in the Amended Bylaws is the exclusive means for a shareholder to make nominations or submit other business at a meeting of shareholders (other than proposals governed by Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934); (iii) revisions to make indemnification of employees and agents of the Company at the discretion of the Board rather than mandatory; (iv) revisions of the notice provisions to reflect recent changes to the Washington Business Corporation Act (WBCA) regarding electronic notice and transmission; and (v) deletion of the Conflicts of Interest section since potential conflicting transactions are covered under the Company s Standards of Business Conduct and the WBCA. The Amended Bylaws also contain certain other clarifying and conforming changes. The Amended Bylaws became effective on January 6, 2009. The preceding is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Company s Amended Bylaws, which are attached hereto as Exhibit 3.2 and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
3.2	Starbucks Corporation Amended and Restated Bylaws

SIGNATURES

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

STARBUCKS CORPORATION

Dated: January 12, 2009

By: /s/ Howard Schultz
Howard Schultz
chairman, president and chief executive
officer

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