



Laura Williamson
Senior Vice President, Finance & Controller

Laura Williamson is Senior Vice President of Finance and Controller for LongHorn Steakhouse and an Officer of the parent company, Darden Restaurants, Inc. She is responsible for overall financial planning and analysis, operations analysis and control, technology integration, and capital development review for a company with more than 520 restaurants, 30,000 team members and \$1.7 billion in annual sales.

Previously, Laura served as Vice President, Account Services where she oversaw all of Darden's accounting activities, including Accounting Operations and Corporate Reporting.

Laura joined Darden in 1996 as Supervisor of Sales Cash. During her time at Darden, she has held many positions of increasing responsibility in various areas of Accounting, Brand Finance and Enterprise Finance. Her experience includes eight years with Red Lobster at the Analyst, Sr. Analyst, Manager and Director levels, as well as Director of Product Planning and Analysis, Director of Planning and Analysis and Director of Finance and Strategy roles. Most recently, Laura served as Sr. Director of Finance for Olive Garden.

A Certified Public Accountant, Laura holds an accounting degree from Florida State University.

LongHorn Steakhouse is part of the Darden family of restaurants. Darden owns and operates more than 1,800 Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, Yard House, The Capital Grille, Seasons 52, Bahama Breeze and Eddie V's restaurants in North America.

