



Raj Vennam

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Raj Vennam was named Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer in January 2021 after serving as Senior Vice President, Treasurer since July 2020. He leads all financial functions for the company including accounting, corporate finance, corporate reporting, corporate tax and treasury. In addition, Raj maintains oversight of Darden's information technology, investor relations, business analytics, and consumer insights functions as well as Darden's Development team, which includes real estate research and strategic planning, real estate development, design and construction, asset management, remodels, and facilities management.

Darden owns and operates more than 2,200 Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Yard House, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, The Capital Grille, Chuy's, Seasons 52 and Eddie V's restaurants in North America.

Raj began his career at Darden in 2003 as a Sr. Business Analyst for Market Development. He went on to work as a Sr. Financial Analyst in Investment Analysis, Olive Garden Marketing Analysis, and Treasury; and eventually as a Manager of Treasury prior to being promoted to Director of Financial Planning & Analysis for LongHorn in 2010. In 2013, Raj joined Red Lobster as a Sr. Director and progressed to Senior Vice President of Financial Planning & Analysis and Treasury. He returned to Darden in 2016 as Senior Vice President, Finance & Analytics.

Prior to rejoining Darden, Raj worked at The Fresh Market where he served as Vice President, Financial Planning & Analysis and Investor Relations.

Raj earned an MBA from the University of Central Florida. He graduated with a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Old Dominion University. He currently serves as a member of the board of directors of Cushman & Wakefield.

