

STARBUCKS CORP
Form 8-K
March 06, 2006

**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 3, 2006

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)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 5.02(b). Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On March 3, 2006, Starbucks Corporation (Starbucks) received a letter from Gregory B. Maffei resigning from the Starbucks Corporation Board of Directors and from his position as Chair of Starbucks Audit and Compliance Committee, effective March 3, 2006. Mr. Maffei wrote that he was promoted on March 1, 2006 to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of Liberty Media Corporation, ahead of the company s originally planned schedule. Mr. Maffei had been serving as CEO-Elect of Liberty Media since November 2005. Mr. Maffei stated that the increased demands on his time arising from his new position with Liberty Media would make it difficult for him to continue to serve on the Starbucks Board. The Starbucks Board of Directors has not yet selected Mr. Maffei s successor as Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Board.

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: March 3, 2006

By: /s/ Michael Casey
Michael Casey
executive vice president, chief financial
officer and chief administrative officer

Signing on behalf of the registrant