

STARBUCKS CORP  
Form DEFA14A  
March 07, 2003

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(AMENDMENT NO. \_\_)

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**STARBUCKS CORPORATION**

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Pursuant to Rule 14a-6**

Starbucks Corporation is filing the following letter from Howard Schultz to shareholders of Starbucks pursuant to Rule 14a-6 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Starbucks intends to mail this letter to shareholders owning 3,000 or more shares of the Company's common stock on or after March 7, 2003.

**STARBUCKS CORPORATION  
2401 Utah Avenue South  
Seattle, Washington 98134**

March 7, 2003

Dear Shareholder:

We have previously sent to you proxy material for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Starbucks Corporation to be held on March 25, 2003. This letter is to remind you that your vote is very important to us regardless of how many shares you own.

**The Board of Directors of Starbucks has unanimously recommended that shareholders vote FOR the election of directors and the ratification of the independent auditors (Proposals 1 and 2), and AGAINST the two shareholder proposals (Proposals 3 and 4). For a complete description of the proposals and the reasons for the recommendations of the Board of Directors please see the Proxy Statement dated January 27, 2003.**

**Again, your vote is very important**, no matter how many or how few shares you may own. We appreciate your prompt attention to voting your shares and thank you for your continued interest in Starbucks.

Warm regards,

Howard Schultz  
chairman and chief global strategist

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

**INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED  
TOLL-FREE, at 1-888-750-5834.**

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