

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC (Last) (First) (Middle) 450 SEVENTH AVENUE, 43RD FLOOR (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10123 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/28/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Central Garden & Pet Co Common Stock	2,295,562	I	See Footnote (1)
Central Garden & Pet Co Class A	4,176,117	I	See Footnote (1)
Total	6,471,679	I	See Footnote (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC 450 SEVENTH AVENUE 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10123		X		
MINDICH JEREMY C/O SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC 450 SEVENTH AVENUE, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10123		X		
SIROVICH MATTHEW C/O SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC 450 SEVENTH AVENUE, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10123		X		

Signatures

Scopia Management Inc. By: /s/ Jeremy Mindich, President		04/01/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date
/s/ Jeremy Mindich		04/01/2008

Signature of Reporting Person		Date
/s/ Matt Sirovich		04/01/2008
Signature of Reporting Person		Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 These securities are held in the accounts of several investment funds and managed accounts (the "Investment Vehicles") for which Scopia Management Inc. ("Scopia Management") serves as the investment manager. Matthew Sirovich and Jeremy Mindich are the control persons of Scopia Management. Scopia Management and Messrs. Sirovich and Mindich may be deemed to beneficially own the securities held by the Investment Vehicles and Messrs. Sirovich and Mindich's status as the control persons of Scopia Management.

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