FORM 4

### **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

affirmative defe 10b5-1(c). See	nse conditions of Rule Instruction 10.								
1. Name and Addr	ress of Reporting Per	rson *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [ CENT ]	S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director X 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600  (Street) WALNUT CREEK CA 94597		ET COMPANY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/29/2025	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chairman					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Disposed Of					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	05/29/2025		S		4,800	D	\$32.03	380,383	I	By Irrevocable Trusts <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	05/29/2025		S		3,000	D	\$32.05	377,383	I	By Irrevocable Trusts <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								1,030,365	D	

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. These securities are owned directly by various family Irrevocable Trusts for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children and grandchildren and indirectly by the Reporting Person and his spouse as co-trustees of the Irrevocable Trusts. The Reporting Person and his spouse, as co-trustees, have and share investment control over the securities held in each of the Irrevocable Trusts but disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities held by the Irrevocable Trusts.

/s/ William E. Brown

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

05/30/2025

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

 $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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).

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