

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 2, 2018**

**Central Garden & Pet Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-33268**  
(Commission File Number)

**68-0275553**  
(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600**  
**Walnut Creek, California 94597**  
(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices including Zip Code)

**(925) 948-4000**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On November 2, 2018, Central Garden & Pet Company (the “**Company**”) announced the appointment of John Hanson to the Company’s Board of Directors effective immediately. Mr. Hanson has not been appointed to any board committees.

Mr. Hanson has been an independent consultant since 2013. He served as Chief Executive Officer of Oasis Brands Inc. from 2015 to 2017. Previously, Mr. Hanson served in various positions at Conagra Brands from 1996 to 2012, including most recently as President Frozen Foods from 2008 to 2012.

There are no transactions reportable under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K in which Mr. Hanson has a direct or indirect material interest. He will be entitled to receive the standard cash and equity compensation paid to all directors as described in the Company’s most recent proxy statement. A copy of the press release announcing the above appointment is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Title or Description</u>
<u>99.1</u>	<u><a href="#">Press release issued by the Company dated November 2, 2018.</a></u>

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

Date: November 2, 2018

By: /s/ George A. Yuhas

George A. Yuhas  
General Counsel and Secretary

## Central Garden & Pet Company Names New Independent Director

WALNUT CREEK, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--November 2, 2018--Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT) (NASDAQ: CENTA), a leading innovator, producer and distributor of branded and private label products for the lawn & garden and pet supplies markets, today announced that it has appointed a new independent director, John Hanson, to the Company's Board of Directors, effective immediately. The appointment of Mr. Hanson increases Central's Board from nine to ten directors.

"We are pleased to welcome John to Central's Board. John's over 25 years of leadership experience in the Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG) arena make him an invaluable resource for the organization," said Sonny Pennington, Chairman of the Board of Central Garden & Pet. "He is well-versed on what it takes for a company to grow both organically and through acquisitions, and we look forward to his engagement with the Board and management as we seek to continue to drive long-term revenue and profit growth, all while enhancing shareholder value."

Mr. Hanson has worked in a number of leadership positions in marketing, sales, and general management over his nearly thirty-year career. He spent four years as President of ConAgra's Frozen Food division, where he had strategic and operational oversight for the portfolio of brands and grew the business organically and through acquisition from \$1.7 billion in annual sales to over \$2.5 billion while also increasing profitability. Mr. Hanson was also CEO of Oasis Brands where he led a turnaround and geographic expansion. He is currently a consultant to CPG companies.

Mr. Hanson earned a BBA in Management & Marketing and an MBA in Marketing from the School of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He currently resides in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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### **About Central Garden & Pet**

Central Garden & Pet Company is a leading innovator, producer and distributor of branded and private label products for the lawn & garden and pet supplies markets. Committed to new product innovation, our products are sold to specialty independent and mass retailers. Participating categories in Lawn & Garden include: Grass seed and the brands PENNINGTON<sup>®</sup>, and THE REBELS<sup>®</sup>; wild bird feed and the brand PENNINGTON<sup>®</sup>; weed and insect control and the brands AMDRO<sup>®</sup>, SEVIN<sup>®</sup>, and OVER-N-OUT<sup>®</sup>; fertilizer and the brands PENNINGTON<sup>®</sup> and IRONITE<sup>®</sup>; live plants from BELL NURSERY; and decorative outdoor patio products under the PENNINGTON<sup>®</sup> brand. We also provide a host of other regional and application-specific garden brands and supplies. Participating categories in Pet include: Animal health and the brands ADAMS<sup>™</sup>, COMFORT ZONE<sup>®</sup>, FARNAM<sup>®</sup>, HORSE HEALTH<sup>™</sup> and VITAFLEX<sup>®</sup>; aquatics and reptile and the brands AQUEON<sup>®</sup>, CORALIFE<sup>®</sup>, SEGREST<sup>™</sup> and ZILLA<sup>®</sup>; bird & small animal and the brands KAYTEE<sup>®</sup>, Forti-Diet<sup>®</sup> and CRITTER TRAIL<sup>®</sup>; and dog & cat and the brands TFH<sup>™</sup>, NYLABONE<sup>®</sup>, FOUR PAWS<sup>®</sup>, IMS<sup>®</sup>, CADET<sup>®</sup>, DMC<sup>™</sup>, K&H Pet Products<sup>™</sup>, PINNACLE<sup>®</sup> and AVODERM<sup>®</sup>. We also provide a host of other application-specific pet brands and supplies. Central Garden & Pet Company is based in Walnut Creek, California, and has approximately 5,000 employees, primarily in North America. For additional information on Central Garden & Pet Company, including access to the Company's SEC filings, please visit the Company's website at [www.central.com](http://www.central.com).

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