# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )\*

# **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY**

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCKS (Title of Class of Securities)

> 153527205 (CUSIP Number)

DECEMBER 31, 2015 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

 $\boxtimes$  Rule 13d-1(b)

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CUSIP No. 153527205 Name of reporting persons IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) 1 FRONTIER CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CO., LLC. Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions) (a)  $\Box$  (b)  $\Box$ 2 3 SEC use only 4 Citizenship or place of organization DELAWARE 5 Sole voting power Number of 706,514 shares 6 Shared voting power beneficially owned by Sole dispositive power each 7 reporting person 2,133,416 with Shared dispositive power 8 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person 9 2,133,416 10 Check if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares (see instructions) Percent of class represented by amount in Row 9 11 5.85% 12 Type of reporting person (see instructions) IA

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#### ITEM 1.

(a) Name of Issuer: CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1340 Treat Boulevard Suite 600 Walnut Creek, CA 94597

#### ITEM 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing: FRONTIER CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CO., LLC

(b) Address of Principal Business Office: 99 SUMMER STREET, BOSTON, MA 02110

(c) Citizenship: DELAWARE

(d) Title of Class of Securities: COMMON STOCKS

(e) CUSIP Number: 153527205

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- ITEM 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to rule 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
  - (a)  $\square$  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780).
  - (b)  $\square$  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
  - (c)  $\Box$  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
  - (d) 🔲 Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
  - (e)  $\square$  An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
  - (f)  $\Box$  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
  - (g)  $\Box$  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G)
  - (h) 🛛 A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
  - (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
  - (j)  $\Box$  Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)

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#### ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

## (a) Amount beneficially owned:

2,133,416

#### (b) Percent of class:

5.85%

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote.

#### 706,514

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of.

#### 2,133,416

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of.

## ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following  $\Box$ .

#### ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

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ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

# ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

#### ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

DATED: FEBRUARY 12, 2014 By: /s/ William J. Ballou

Name: William Ballou Title: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER & GENERAL COUNSEL

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