

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | |
| <p><u>Yuhas George A.</u></p> <hr/> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY</p> <p>1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600</p> <hr/> <p>(Street)</p> <p>WALNUT CA 94597</p> <hr/> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | | | <p>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2026</p> <hr/> <p>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</p> | | <p>Director 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)</p> <p>General Counsel</p> | |
| | | | | | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> | |

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 Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/20/2026 | | M | | 20,833 | A | \$22.8 | 26,728 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/20/2026 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 18,545 | D | \$29.01 | 8,183 | D | |
| Units | | | | | | | | 6,014.09 | I | By 401(k) Plan ⁽¹⁾ |

**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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$22.8 | 01/20/2026 | | M | | | 20,833 | (3) | 02/10/2026 | Class A Common Stock | 20,833 | \$0 | 0 | D |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The units represent interests in the CENTA Stock Fund in the Issuer's 401(k) Plan, which consist of shares of CENTA stock and cash.
2. Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales prices on the date of exercise.
3. Options were granted on February 10, 2020, and all shares are vested and have been exercised.

/s/Filomena Eickstaedt as 01/21/2026
Attorney-in-Fact for George Yuhas

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

* 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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