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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)	
<u>Macheck Howard</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600 <hr/> (Street) WALNUT CA 94597 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2026		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) 	10% Owner Other (specify below) Chief Accounting Officer
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
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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	01/30/2026		A		2,253	A	\$0	47,344	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/30/2026		F ⁽¹⁾		985	D	\$30.22	46,359	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/30/2026		M		4,255	A	\$22.8	50,614	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/30/2026		F ⁽³⁾		3,667	D	\$30.22	46,947	D	
Common Stock								1,000	D	
Units								6,867	I	By 401(k) Plan ⁽²⁾

**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)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$22.8	01/30/2026		M			4,255	(4)	02/10/2026	Class A Common Stock	4,255	\$0	0	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares delivered by Reporting Person in payment of the withholding tax liability upon settlement of performance share units.
2. 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.
3. Shares delivered by Reporting Person in payment of the withholding tax liability upon vesting of restricted stock. The amount of shares withheld is based on the average of the high and low of the sales prices of CENTA on January 30, 2026.
4. Options were granted on February 10, 2020, and all shares are vested and have been exercised.

/s/Filomena Eickstaedt as
Attorney-in-fact for Howard
Machek

02/02/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** 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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