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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Hanson John Edward</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1340 TREAT BLVD SUITE 600 (Street) WALNUT CREEK CA 94597-7578 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X President, Pet Consumer Prod
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/24/2026	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	06/24/2026		M		8,518	A	\$35.216 ⁽⁴⁾	15,673	I	By Hanson Family Trust ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	06/24/2026		F ⁽³⁾		8,051	D	\$38.85	7,622	I	By Hanson Family Trust ⁽²⁾
Units								3,054.09	I	By 401(k) Plan ⁽⁴⁾
Class A Common Stock								49,092	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	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					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$35.216 ⁽⁵⁾	06/24/2026		M		8,518 ⁽⁵⁾		⁽⁶⁾	02/09/2027	Class A Common Stock ⁽⁵⁾	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- On December 7, 2023, Company declared a stock dividend, payable to all holders on record of Common Stock and Class A Common Stock as of January 8, 2024, of one share of Class A Common Stock for every four shares of Common Stock and Class A Common Stock outstanding. At the same time, pursuant to anti-dilution provisions, an option for 6,815 shares Class A Common Stock on January 8, 2024 became exercisable for 8,518 shares of Class A Common Stock.
- Mr. Hanson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the Company's Common Stock and Class A Common Stock owned by the Hanson Family Trust dated 01/19/2024 except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price 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.
- 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.
- This option was previously reported as an option for 6,815 shares of Class A Common Stock at an exercise price of \$44.02 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock dividend declared by Company on December 7, 2023. As a result of the stock dividend, the option also entitled the Reporting Person to receive, upon exercise, 1,703 shares of Class A Common Stock for no additional consideration.
- Options were granted on February 9, 2021 and all shares have vested and been exercised.

/s/ Filomena Eickstaedt as
Attorney-in-Fact for John Hanson 06/26/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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