

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Ranelli John <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600 <small>(Street)</small> WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2017 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	02/14/2017		A		630	(U)	A	\$ 0	127,335	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/14/2017		M		51,653		A	\$ 8.93	178,988	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/14/2017		F	(2)	29,506		D	\$ 31.6	149,482	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/14/2017		M		52,302		A	\$ 12.5	201,784	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/14/2017		F	(2)	37,186		D	\$ 31.6	164,598	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/14/2017		M		52,302		A	\$ 15	216,900	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/14/2017		F	(2)	39,164		D	\$ 31.6	177,736	D	
Class A Common Stock									81,719	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust (3)
Common Stock									64,253	D	
Common Stock									39,384	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust (3)

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

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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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.76	02/14/2017		A		6,298	(5)	08/09/2020	Class A Common Stock	6,298	\$ 0	6,298	D	

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.93	02/14/2017		M			51,653	(6)	02/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	51,653	\$ 0	0	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.5	02/14/2017		M			52,302	(6)	02/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	52,302	\$ 0	0	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15	02/14/2017		M			52,302	(6)	02/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	52,302	\$ 0	0	D

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ranelli John C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X			

Signatures

/s/ John Ranelli	02/15/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Restricted stock award granted under the Company's Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.

(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 the exercise.

(3) Mr. Ranelli disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the Company's Common Stock and Class A Common Stock owned by the John R. Ranelli Trust dated 12/24/97 except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(4) Stock options granted under the Company's Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.

(5) One-third of the total options granted will become exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 14, 2017, the date of the grant.

(6) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning February 11, 2013.

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