

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Reed Michael A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Executive Vice President		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2018					
(Street) WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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	05/10/2018		M		12,500	A	\$ 10.63	142,240	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/10/2018		F(1)		7,149	D	\$ 36.15	135,091	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/10/2018		M		12,500	A	\$ 13.82	147,591	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/10/2018		F(1)		7,818	D	\$ 36.15	139,773	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2018		S		16,365	D	\$ 36.5	123,408	D	

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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Class A Common Stock	\$ 10.63	05/10/2018		M		12,500	(2)	03/31/2021	Class A Common Stock	12,500	\$ 0	12,500	D	
Class A Common Stock	\$ 13.82	05/10/2018		M		12,500	(3)	01/29/2022	Class A Common Stock	12,500	\$ 0	25,000	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Reed Michael A C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/JoAnn Jonte as Attorney-in-Fact for Michael Reed		05/14/2018
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) 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.
- (2) On April 16, 2015, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 50,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 31, 2016.
- (3) On January 29, 2016, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 50,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on January 29, 2017.

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