

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 Hanson John Edward			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Senior Vice President		
(Last) 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2021					
(Street) WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597-7578			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 <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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	05/07/2021		M		4,782	A	\$ 27.88	49,892	D	
Class A common Stock	05/07/2021		F(1)		1,501	D	\$ 53.62	48,391	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/07/2021		M		7,022	A	\$ 21.37	55,413	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/07/2021		F(1)		2,762	D	\$ 53.62	52,651	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/07/2021		M		5,263	A	\$ 28.5	57,914	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/07/2021		F(1)		1,612	D	\$ 53.62	56,302	D	
Units								1,156	I	By 401(k) Plan (2)

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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.88	05/07/2021		M		4,782		(3)	02/12/2025	Class A Common Stock	4,782	\$ 0	4,782	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.37	05/07/2021		M		7,022		(4)	08/04/2025	Class A Common Stock	7,022	\$ 0	21,068	D	

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.5	05/07/2021		M			5,263	(5)	02/10/2026	Class A Common Stock	5,263	\$ 0	15,790	D	
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hanson John Edward 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597-7578			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ John E. Hanson		05/11/2021
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (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) 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) Options were granted on February 12, 2019, of which 2,391 have vested and are exercisable, and the remaining 4,783 shares will vest and be exercisable as follows: 2,391 shares on August 12, 2020; and 2,392 shares on August 12, 2021.
- (4) Options were granted on August 4, 2019 and will vest and be exercisable as follows: 7,022 on August 4, 2020; 7,023 on August 4, 2021; 7,022 on August 4, 2022; and 7,023 on August 4, 2023.
- (5) Options were granted on February 10, 2020 and shall vest and be exercisable in four annual increments of 25% beginning on February 10, 2021.

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