

Form 144 Filer Information	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 144	Form 144
NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933	

144: Filer Information

Filer CIK	0001489054
Filer CCC	XXXXXXXX
Is this a LIVE or TEST Filing?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> LIVE <input type="radio"/> TEST

Submission Contact Information

Name	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	

144: Issuer Information

Name of Issuer	Central Garden & Pet Company
SEC File Number	001-33268
Address of Issuer	1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600 Walnut Creek CALIFORNIA 94597
Phone	925-948-4000
Name of Person for Whose Account the Securities are To Be Sold	John R. Ranelli

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

Relationship to Issuer	Director
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144: Securities Information

Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold	Name and Address of the Broker	Number of Shares or Other Units To Be Sold	Aggregate Market Value	Number of Shares or Other Units Outstanding	Approximate Date of Sale	Name of the Securities Exchange
Class A Common Stock	J.P. Morgan Securities LLC 270 Park Avenue, 10th Floor New York NY 10017	3668	126473	51014844	02/19/2026	NASDAQ

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Date you Acquired	Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Name of Person from Whom Acquired	Is this a Gift?	Date Donor Acquired	Amount of Securities Acquired	Date of Payment	Nature of Payment *

Class A Common Stock	08/13/2024	Transfer	From John R. Ranelli, who acquired the shares from compensation on 02/13/24	<input type="checkbox"/>		781	08/13/2024	N/A
Class A Common Stock	02/10/2026	Transfer	From John R. Ranelli, who acquired the shares from compensation on 02/11/20	<input type="checkbox"/>		2887	02/10/2026	N/A

* If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

144: Securities Sold During The Past 3 Months

Nothing to Report



144: Remarks and Signature

Remarks

The shares filed today will be sold by the John R. Ranelli Trust Dated 12/24/97, John R. Ranelli as Trustee

Date of Notice

02/19/2026

ATTENTION:

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

Signature

/s/ J.P. Morgan Securities LLC as agent and attorney-in-fact for John R. Ranelli

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