FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

	ense conditions of Rule Instruction 10.			
1. Name and Add Ranelli John	ress of Reporting Per	son*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [ CENT ]	S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY		, ,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/19/2024	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
			If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
WALNUT CREEK	CA	94597		
(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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	08/19/2024		S		2,500	D	\$34.2752 <sup>(1)</sup>	822	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								7,039	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust <sup>(2)</sup>

# 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		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Derivative		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
							Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$34.2750 to \$34.2800. The Reporting Person undertakes that the Reporting Person will provide, upon request by the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, full information regarding the number of securities sold at each separate price.
- 2. 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.

/s/Filomena Eickstaedt as Attorney-in-Fact for John Ranelli

08/21/2024

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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