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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)			1											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Ranelli John			2. Issuer Name CENTRAL G					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_Director 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600			3. Date of Earlies 12/11/2017	t Transacti	on (N	/Ionth/Day	/Year	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify	below)				
(Street) WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597			4. If Amendment	, Date Orig	inal	Filed(Montl	n/Day/Y	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)			Т	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
				Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Class A Common Stor	ck	12/11/2017		F <u>(1)</u>		48,721	D	\$ 38.51	61,317	D				
Class A Common Stor	ck	12/11/2017		S		16,189	D	\$ 38.169 (2)	1,103	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust ⁽³⁾			
Class A Common Stor	ck	12/12/2017		S		10,802	D	\$ 37.7658 (<u>4)</u>	34,951	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust ⁽³⁾			
Class A Common Stor	ck	12/13/2017		S		20,000	D	\$ 37.6741 (<u>4)</u>	14,951	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust ⁽³⁾			
Class A Common Stor	ck								16,667 (5)	D				
Common Stock									39,385	D				
Common Stock									100	Ι	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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	and Expiration Date	Amount of	Derivative	Derivative	Ownership	of Indirect
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying	Security	Securities	Form of	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative		Securities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Derivative	Ownership
	Derivative				Securities		(Instr. 3 and		Owned	Security:	(Instr. 4)
	Security				Acquired		4)		Following	Direct (D)	
					(A) or				Reported	or Indirect	
					Disposed				Transaction(s)	(I)	
					of (D)				(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						

					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of		
	Code	V	(A)	(D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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 delivered by Reporting Person in payment of the withholding tax liability upon vesting of restricted stock. The amount of shares withheld is based on the average of the high and low of the sales prices of CENTA on December 11, 2017.
- (2) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$38.00 to \$38.85. Mr. Ranelli undertakes that he 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.
- (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) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$37.52 to \$37.995. Mr. Ranelli undertakes that he 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.
- (5) On December 12, 2017, the Reporting Person transferred 44,650 shares of directly held CENTA to John R. Ranelli Trust.

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