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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

| Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hanson John Edward | Statemen | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) - 11/01/2018 | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT] | | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 | 11/01/2 | | | 4. Relationship of Issuer (Check | Reporting Persor all applicable) | Filed(Mon | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597-7578 | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (spec | Applicable I _X_ Form fi | lual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Line) led by One Reporting Person led by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Sec Beneficially Owr (Instr. 4) | | ned | * | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number. Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exer and Expirati (Month/Day/Ye | rcisable on Date ear) | 3. Title and A Securities Usecurity (Instr. 4) | Amount of nderlying Derivativ | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

| /s/John Edward Hanson | 11/07/2018 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

Remarks:

No securities owned. Exhibit 24.1; Power of Attorney

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints George Yuhas, Howard Machek, Zora Mohseni and JoAnn Jonte, and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director, and/or person who holds more than 10% of the stock of Central Garden & Pet Company (the "Company"), Forms 3, Forms 4 and Forms 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, Forms 4 or Forms 5 and timely file any such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned, pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done pursuant to this power of attorney. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, Forms 4, and Forms 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the attorneys-in-fact.

The undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 7th day of November, 2018.

/s/ John Edward Hanson Signature John Edward Hanson Print Name