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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
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Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Hanson John Edward</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1340 TREAT BOULEVARD</u> <u>SUITE 600</u>  (Street) <u>WALNUT CREEK CA 94597-7578</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CENTRAL GARDEN &amp; PET CO [ CENT ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  <u>Senior Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/04/2023</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	08/04/2023		F <sup>(1)</sup>		2,763	D	\$43	46,816	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/07/2023		S		6,593	D	\$42.6258 <sup>(2)</sup>	40,223	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/07/2023		M		7,023	A	\$21.37	47,246	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/07/2023		F <sup>(3)</sup>		4,896	D	\$42.7	42,350	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/07/2023		M		5,263	A	\$28.5	47,613	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/07/2023		F <sup>(3)</sup>		4,202	D	\$42.7	43,411	D	
Units								1,916.81	I	By 401(k) Plan <sup>(4)</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	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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$21.37	08/07/2023		M			7,023	(5)	08/04/2025	Class A Common Stock	7,023	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$28.5	08/07/2023		M			5,263	(6)	02/10/2026	Class A Common Stock	5,263	\$0.00	5,264	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 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 August 4, 2023.
- The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$42.36 to \$42.845. 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Options were granted on August 4, 2019, and all shares are vested and have been exercised.
- The options shall vest in annual increments of 25% beginning on February 10, 2021.

## Remarks:

/s/ F. Eickstaedt for John Hanson as attorney-in-fact 08/08/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* 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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