

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Ranelli John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
 [CENT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/31/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	10/31/2016		M		156,903	A	\$ 12.5	421,607	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/31/2016		F <sup>(1)</sup>		135,770	D	\$ 22.71	285,837	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/31/2016		M		156,903	A	\$ 15	442,740	D	

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Class A Common Stock	10/31/2016	F <sup>(1)</sup>	140,945	D	\$ 22.71	301,795	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/01/2016	S <sup>(2)</sup>	628	D	\$ 22.8293 <sup>(3)</sup>	638	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	11/01/2016	S <sup>(2)</sup>	7,258	D	\$ 23.7271 <sup>(5)</sup>	81,863	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock						96,379	D	

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)

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.5	10/31/2016		M	156,903	<sup>(6)</sup>	02/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	156,903
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15	10/31/2016		M	156,903	<sup>(6)</sup>	02/11/2019	Class A Common Stock	156,903

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

X

Ranelli John  
C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY  
1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

## Signatures

/s/ Howard Machek, as Attorney-in-Fact for John  
Ranelli

11/02/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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 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 the exercise.

(2) Shares sold through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(3) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$22.67 to \$23.14. 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.

(4) 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.

(5) The range of prices for the shares of Common Stock is from \$23.46 to \$24.16. 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.

(6) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning February 11, 2013.

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