

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2016

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

C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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 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	12/13/2016		S		20,000 D \$ 29.874 (1)	116,414	I By John R. Ranelli Trust (2)
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2016		S		20,000 D \$ 30.4189 (3)	96,414	I By John R. Ranelli Trust (2)
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2016		S		14,057 D \$ 30.4652 (4)	82,357	I By John R. Ranelli Trust (2)

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Class A Common Stock	12/15/2016	S <sup>(5)</sup>	638	D	\$ 30.3319 (6)	81,719	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock						126,705	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2016	S <sup>(5)</sup>	7,266	D	\$ 32.2461 (7)	39,384	I	By John R. Ranelli Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock						64,253	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ JoAnn Jonte, as Attorney-in-Fact for John  
Ranelli

12/15/2016

\_\_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) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$29.80 to \$30.08. 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.

(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.

(3) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$30.25 to \$30.72. 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) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$30.25 to \$30.74. 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) Shares sold through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(6) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$30.02 to \$30.64. 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.

(7) The range of prices for the shares of Common Stock is from \$31.82 to \$32.66. 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.

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