

Ranelli John
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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 BLVD, SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2018

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

(Street)
 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/14/2018 | | S | 6,000 | D | \$ 37.427 (1) | 6,951 I | By John R. Ranelli Trust (2) |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | S | 5,000 | D | \$ 37.2044 (3) | 1,951 I | By John R. Ranelli Trust (2) |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | 17,209 D | |

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(1) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$37.00 to \$37.73. 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 \$37.00 to \$37.43. 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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