

Ranelli John  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 02/16/2018

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 or Price   |  |   |       |   |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 02/16/2018                           |  | S                              |   | 518   | D  | \$ 37.5   | 1,433 | I | By John R. Ranelli Trust <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Class A Common Stock            | 02/20/2018                           |  | S                              |   | 1,333   | D  | \$ 37.5323  | 100   | I | By John R. Ranelli Trust <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 100   | I | By John R. Ranelli Trust <sup>(1)</sup> |

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|----------------------------|--------|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 17,209 | D |
| Common<br>Stock            | 39,385 | 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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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

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## Signatures

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

02/20/2018

\_\_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).

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- (1) 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.

- The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$37.50 to \$37.66. Mr. Ranelli undertakes that he will provide, upon
- (2) 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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