

BROWN WILLIAM E  
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 \*  
BROWN WILLIAM E

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)  
12/28/2016

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

C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD., 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/28/2016		G	6,750 D \$ 0	2,057,839	D	
Class A Common Stock					242,700 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Irrevocable Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	05/22/2017		G	270 D \$ 0	2,057,569	D	

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Class A Common Stock	05/22/2017		G		2,210	D	\$ 0	2,055,359	D
Class A Common Stock	12/29/2017		G	V	1,813	D	\$ 0	2,053,546	D
Class A Common Stock	01/19/2018		A		<u>8,174</u> (3)	A	\$ 0	2,061,720	D
Common Stock								1,574,019	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
BROWN WILLIAM E C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597			Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Jo-Ann Jonte as Attorney-in-Fact for William E.  
Brown

01/23/2018

\_\_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).
- (1) On December 28, 2016, the Reporting Person gifted an aggregate amount of 2,700 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer, respectively, for the benefit of various family Irrevocable Trusts.  

These securities are owned directly by various family Irrevocable Trusts and indirectly by the Reporting Person and his spouse as co-trustees of the Irrevocable Trusts. The Reporting Person and his spouse, as co-trustees, have and share investment control over the securities held in each of the Irrevocable Trusts but disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities held by the Irrevocable Trusts except to the extent of his and his wife's pecuniary interest therein
- (2) The Reporting Person was awarded by the Issuer's Compensation Committee on January 9, 2018 a grant of 8,174 shares of restricted Class A Common Stock, which will vest in increments of 1/3 at the end of years 3, 4 and 5.
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