

PENNINGTON BROOKS III  
 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 \*  
 PENNINGTON BROOKS III

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)  
 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/14/2017

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) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/14/2017                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 10,000  | D   | \$ 34.0143   | 48,365  | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/14/2017                           |  | F <sup>(3)</sup>               | 211   | D   | \$ 34.03   | 48,154  | D |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/15/2017                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,226   | D   | \$ 33.5799   | 45,928  | D |
| Class A Common                  | 08/15/2017                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | A   | \$ 9.86  | 55,928  | D |

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|----------------------------|------------|--|------------------|-------|---|---------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Stock                      |            |  |                  |       |   |                                 |           |   |                                      |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/15/2017 |  | F <sup>(5)</sup> | 5,293 | D | \$ 33.59                        | 50,635    | D |                                      |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/16/2017 |  | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 4,707 | D | \$<br>32.9301<br><sup>(6)</sup> | 45,928    | D |                                      |
| Common<br>Stock            | 08/14/2017 |  | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 9,000 | D | \$ 35.113<br><sup>(7)</sup>     | 40,040    | I | By L.P.<br><sup>(8)</sup>            |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |  |                  |       |   |                                 | 3,876     | I | By<br>Spouse <sup>(9)</sup>          |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |  |                  |       |   |                                 | 15,208    | I | By LLC<br><sup>(10)</sup>            |
| Units                      |            |  |                  |       |   |                                 | 1,563.368 | I | 401(K)<br>Account<br><sup>(11)</sup> |
| Common<br>Stock            |            |  |                  |       |   |                                 | 159,950   | D |                                      |
| Common<br>Stock            |            |  |                  |       |   |                                 | 6,938     | I | By<br>Spouse <sup>(9)</sup>          |
| Common<br>Stock            |            |  |                  |       |   |                                 | 7,604     | I | By LLC<br><sup>(10)</sup>            |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
|  | \$ 9.86  | 08/15/2017                           |  | M                              | (A) 10,000  | Date Exercisable <sup>(12)</sup> 08/10/2018              | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares    |

Stock  
Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

Class A  
Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PENNINGTON BROOKS III<br>1340 TREAT BLVD<br>SUITE 600<br>WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/Brooks  
Pennington III

08/16/2017

\*\*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) Sale effected under sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.  
The range of prices for the shares of Common Stock is from \$33.71 to \$34.28. Mr. Pennington 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) Shares delivered by Reporting Person in payment of the withholding tax liability upon vesting of restricted stock. The amount of shares withheld is based on the average of the high and low of the sales prices of CENTA on August 14, 2017.
- (3) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$33.30 to \$33.81. Mr. Pennington 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) 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 exercise.
- (5) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$32.79 to \$33.16. Mr. Pennington 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 range of prices for the shares of Common Stock is from \$34.81 to \$35.43. Mr. Pennington 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) By BPCB Partners L.P. The general managing partner of BPCB Partners L.P. is BPCB Management Company LLC ("BPCBLLC") and Mr. Pennington is the sole member of BPCBLLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (8) Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of 3,876 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock owned by his spouse and 6,938 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by his spouse.
- (9) By Pennington Management Company II, LLC, in which Mr. Pennington has an ownership interest. Mr. Pennington is the President of Pennington Management Company II, LLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (10)

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- (11) The units represent interests in the CENTA Stock Fund in the Issuer's 401(k) Plan, which consist of shares of CENTA stock and cash.
- (12) One-third of the total options granted became exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 10, 2015, the date of the grant.

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