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CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO Form 3 January 20, 2009 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Fleischer Glen R.			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/15/2009	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
1340 TREAT	F BOULE	VARD,					× • •
SUITE 600				(Check all applicable)			
(Street) WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597				Director 10% Owner X Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) President, Pet Products Div.			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1
Common Sto	ock		0		D	Â	
Class A Common Stock			0	0		Â	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
					(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Fleischer Glen R. 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	Â	Â	President, Pet Products Div.	Â		
Signatures						

/s/ Glen R. 01/16/2009 Fleischer

******Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1 : Power of Attorney.

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