

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
Form 8-K  
October 25, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant To Section 13 Of 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 21, 2007**

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**Central Garden & Pet Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-33268**  
(Commission File Number)

**68-0275553**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94597**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 948-4000**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 22, 2007, Central Garden & Pet Company (the Company) issued a press release announcing that Glenn Novotny is stepping down from his position as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and has resigned from the Board of Directors of the Company, both effective October 21, 2007, and that William Brown will serve as Chief Executive Officer commencing October 21, 2007. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Mr. Brown has been Chairman of the Board of the Company since 1980. From 1980 to June 2003, Mr. Brown also served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The information about Mr. Brown required by Items 401(b), (d), (e) and Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K are included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed on January 3, 2007 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release dated October 22, 2007

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ WILLIAM E. BROWN  
William E. Brown  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: October 24, 2007