

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Form 3

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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *Â SCOPIA MANAGEMENT
INC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

450 SEVENTH
AVENUE,Â 43RD FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10123

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement(Month/Day/Year)
03/28/20083. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
____ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
X Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Central Garden & Pet Co Common Stock

2,295,562

I

See Footnote ⁽¹⁾

Central Garden & Pet Co Class A

4,176,117

I

See Footnote ⁽¹⁾

Total

6,471,679

I

See Footnote ⁽¹⁾Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC 450 SEVENTH AVENUE 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10123	^	^ X	^	^
MINDICH JEREMY C/O SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC 450 SEVENTH AVENUE, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10123	^	^ X	^	^
SIROVICH MATTHEW C/O SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC 450 SEVENTH AVENUE, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10123	^	^ X	^	^

Signatures

Scopia Management Inc. By: /s/ Jeremy Mindich, President 04/01/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Jeremy Mindich

04/01/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Matt Sirovich

04/01/2008

__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).

(1) These securities are held in the accounts of several investment funds and managed accounts (the "Investment Vehicles") for which Scopia Management Inc. ("Scopia Management") serves as the investment manager. Matthew Sirovich and Jeremy Mindich are the control persons of Scopia Management. Scopia Management and Messrs. Sirovich and Mindich may be deemed to beneficially own the securities held by the Investment Vehicles and Messrs. Sirovich and Mindich's status as the control persons of Scopia Management.

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