

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
Form SC 13G  
October 10, 2018

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934**

**Central Garden & Pet Co**

**(Name of Issuer)**

**Common Stock**

**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**153527106**

**(CUSIP Number)**

**September 30, 2018**

**(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)**

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

This Schedule is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)

The information required in the remainder of this cover page (except any items to which the form provides a cross-reference) shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act.



CUSIP NO. 153527106

1) Name of Reporting Person

Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person

IRS No. 13-3180631

2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

(a)            (b) \*

\* This filing describes the reporting person's relationship with other persons, but the reporting person does not affirm the existence of a group.

3) SEC Use Only

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

5) Sole Voting Power

NUMBER OF

SHARES

0  
6) Shared Voting Power

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

1,274,826  
7) Sole Dispositive Power

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

0  
8) Shared Dispositive Power

WITH

1,275,137

9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,275,137

10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

Not Applicable

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount In Row (9)

10.04%

12) Type of Reporting Person

HC

CUSIP NO. 153527106

1) Name of Reporting Person

Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC

S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person

IRS No. 41-1533211

2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

(a) (b) \*

\* This filing describes the reporting person's relationship with other persons, but the reporting person does not affirm the existence of a group.

3) SEC Use Only

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

Minnesota

5) Sole Voting Power

NUMBER OF

SHARES 0  
6) Shared Voting Power

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 1,274,757  
EACH 7) Sole Dispositive Power

REPORTING

PERSON 0  
8) Shared Dispositive Power

WITH

1,274,757

9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,274,757  
10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

Not Applicable  
11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount In Row (9)

10.04%  
12) Type of Reporting Person

IA

CUSIP NO. 153527106

1) Name of Reporting Person

Columbia Wanger Asset Management, LLC

S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person

IRS No. 04-3519872

2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

(a) (b) \*

\* This filing describes the reporting person's relationship with other persons, but the reporting person does not affirm the existence of a group.

3) SEC Use Only

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

5) Sole Voting Power

NUMBER OF

SHARES

0  
6) Shared Voting Power

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

1,132,116  
7) Sole Dispositive Power

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

0  
8) Shared Dispositive Power

WITH

1,132,116

9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,132,116  
10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

Not Applicable  
11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount In Row (9)

8.92%  
12) Type of Reporting Person

IA



CUSIP NO. 153527106

1) Name of Reporting Person

Columbia Acorn Fund

S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person

IRS No. 36-2692100

2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

(a) (b) \*

\* This filing describes the reporting person's relationship with other persons, but the reporting person does not affirm the existence of a group.

3) SEC Use Only

4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

Massachusetts

5) Sole Voting Power

NUMBER OF

SHARES 745,000  
6) Shared Voting Power

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 0  
EACH 7) Sole Dispositive Power

REPORTING

PERSON 0  
8) Shared Dispositive Power

WITH

745,000

9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

745,000

10) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

Not Applicable

11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount In Row (9)

5.87%

12) Type of Reporting Person

IV

- 1(a) Name of Issuer: Central Garden & Pet Co
- 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597
- 2(a) Name of Person Filing: (a) Ameriprise Financial, Inc. ( AFI )  
(b) Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC ( CMIA )  
(c) Columbia Wanger Asset Management, LLC ( CWAM )  
(d) Columbia Acorn Fund ( Fund )
- 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office: (a) Ameriprise Financial, Inc.  
145 Ameriprise Financial Center  
Minneapolis, MN 55474  
(b) 225 Franklin St.  
Boston, MA 02110  
(c) 227 West Monroe St, Suite 3000  
Chicago, IL 60606  
(d) 227 West Monroe St, Suite 3000  
Chicago, IL 60606
- 2(c) Citizenship: (a) Delaware  
(b) Minnesota  
(c) Delaware  
(d) Massachusetts
- 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock
- 2(e) Cusip Number: 153527106

3 Information if statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b):

(a) Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

A parent holding company in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). (Note: See Item 7)

(b) Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC

An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).

(c) Columbia Wanger Asset Management, LLC

An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).

(d) Columbia Acorn Fund

An investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.

4 Incorporated by reference to Items (5)-(9) and (11) of the cover page pertaining to each reporting person. CMIA, CWAM and AFI do not directly own any shares of Common Stock of the issuer. As the investment adviser to the Fund and various other unregistered and registered investment companies and other managed accounts, CMIA and CWAM may be deemed to beneficially own the shares reported herein by the Fund. Accordingly, the shares reported herein by CMIA and CWAM include those shares separately reported herein by the Fund.

AFI, as the parent company of CMIA and CWAM, may be deemed to beneficially own the shares reported herein by those reporting persons. Accordingly, the shares reported herein by AFI include those shares separately reported herein by those reporting persons.

Each of AFI, CMIA and CWAM disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares reported on this Schedule.

5 Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class: Not Applicable

6 Ownership of more than 5% on Behalf of Another Person:

To the knowledge of AFI, CMIA, CWAM and the Fund, no other persons besides AFI, CMIA, CWAM and the Fund and those persons for whose shares of common stock CMIA, CWAM and AFI report beneficial ownership have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from or the proceeds from the sale of the securities of the issuer reported herein. As of September 30, 2018, only the Fund owned more than 5% of the class of securities reported herein.

Any remaining shares reported herein by CMIA and CWAM are held by various other funds or accounts managed by CMIA and CWAM which each have the right to receive any dividends paid by the issuer and could terminate their respective investment advisory relationship with CMIA and CWAM and then subsequently direct the use of proceeds from the sale of the common stock owned by such fund or account. To CMIA's and CWAM's knowledge, none of these other funds or accounts own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the issuer as September 30, 2018.

7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

AFI: See Exhibit I

8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: October 10, 2018

Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

By: /s/ Amy K. Johnson  
Name: Amy K. Johnson  
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief  
Operating Officer-Asset Management

Columbia Management Investment Advisers,  
LLC

By: /s/ Amy K. Johnson  
Name: Amy K. Johnson  
Title: Managing Director and Global Head  
of Operations

Columbia Wanger Asset Management, LLC

By: /s/ Joseph C. LaPalm  
Name: Joseph C. LaPalm  
Title: Chief Compliance Officer

Columbia Acorn Fund

By: /s/ Joseph C. LaPalm  
Name: Joseph C. LaPalm  
Title: Vice President

Contact Information

Mark D. Braley  
Vice President  
Head of Reporting and Data Management  
Global Operations and Investor Services  
Telephone: (617) 747-0663

Exhibit Index

- Exhibit I Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.
- Exhibit II Joint Filing Agreement