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Central Garden & Pet Strengthens National Logistics Network with New Salt Lake City Facility

Strategic consolidation and DTC capacity enhance throughput and cost efficiency to support long-term growth

WALNUT CREEK, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT), (NASDAQ: CENTA), a leading company in the pet and garden industries, today announced the opening of a state-of-the-art fulfillment center in Salt Lake City, Utah earlier this week. This strategic investment expands Central's supply chain network and supports continued long-term growth.

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Senior Management of Central Garden & Pet at the opening of the company's state-of-the-art fulfillment center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Salt Lake City facility consolidates two legacy sites — one in Ontario,

California and one in Salt Lake City, Utah — into a single, modern, direct-to-consumer (DTC)-enabled hub. The consolidation will increase efficiency, reduce complexity, and enhance Central's ability to serve customers and consumers nationwide.

This new facility joins recently opened modern fulfillment centers in Easton, Pennsylvania, and Covington, Georgia. Together, these sites form a critical backbone of Central's nationwide logistics network.

"Central's new facilities represent a significant step forward in our commitment to operational excellence," said Jordan Downs, Vice President, Supply Chain at Central Garden & Pet. "With taller clear heights, expanded door capacity, larger staging areas, and DTC capabilities, we are building a more agile, efficient, and resilient network that will allow us to deliver faster, safer, and more cost-effectively. Our three fully integrated omnichannel fulfillment centers let us serve any customer, anywhere, through any method, seamlessly connecting retail, eCommerce, and wholesale demand into one unified system."

The Salt Lake City site also features advanced safety systems, optimized workflows and expanded capacity to ensure employee well-being, while enabling logistics savings and increased throughput. Importantly, this modernized hub enhances Central's ability to manage and fulfill its own DTC business while also improving drop shipment execution for

retail partners. This initiative is part of a broader strategy to make Central leaner, more agile, and more efficient while freeing up resources to fuel organic growth, pursue strategic M&A opportunities, and advance its commitments to social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

About Central Garden & Pet

Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT) (NASDAQ: CENTA) understands home is central to life and has proudly nurtured happy and healthy homes for over 45 years. With fiscal 2024 net sales of \$3.2 billion, Central is on a mission to lead the future of the pet and garden industries. The Company's innovative and trusted products are dedicated to helping lawns grow greener, gardens bloom bigger, pets live healthier, and communities grow stronger. Central is home to a leading portfolio of more than 60 high-quality brands including Amdro[®], Aqueon[®], Cadet[®], C&S[®], Farnam[®], Ferry-Morse[®], Four Paws[®], Kaytee[®], Nylabone[®] and Pennington[®], strong manufacturing and distribution capabilities, and a passionate, entrepreneurial growth culture. Central is based in Walnut Creek, California, with over 6,000 employees primarily across North America. Visit www.central.com to learn more.

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