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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

OR

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the transition period from            to

Commission File Number 1-3822

A. Full title of the Plan:  
Campbell Soup Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the Plan  
and the address of its principal executive office:  
Campbell Soup Company  
Campbell Place, Camden, New Jersey 08103-1799

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Participants and Administrative Committee  
Campbell Soup Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of Campbell Soup Company 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental information in the accompanying Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2016, has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Campbell Soup Company 401(k) Retirement Plan's financial statements. The supplemental information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but includes supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information in the accompanying schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the supplemental information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
June 22, 2017

Campbell Soup Company  
 401(k) Retirement Plan  
 Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2016	2015
Assets		
Investments		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 1,082,092,180	\$ 1,002,637,237
Total Investments	1,082,092,180	1,002,637,237
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	16,571,809	16,145,468
Total Receivables	16,571,809	16,145,468
Total Assets	1,098,663,989	1,018,782,705
Liabilities		
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 1,098,663,989	\$ 1,018,782,705

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements

Campbell Soup Company  
 401(k) Retirement Plan  
 Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2016	2015
Additions:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$76,904,487	\$12,756,441
Dividends	29,007,161	35,288,354
Other income	91,172	97,229
Total investment income	106,002,820	48,142,024
Interest on notes receivable from participants	937,206	909,022
Contributions:		
Employer	32,123,596	29,852,101
Participants	49,204,345	48,936,839
Total contributions	81,327,941	78,788,940
Total additions	188,267,967	127,839,986
Deductions:		
Benefits paid to participants	110,030,438	127,887,807
Administrative fees	657,868	650,740
Total deductions	110,688,306	128,538,547
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits before transfers	77,579,661	(698,561 )
Transfer in from Kelsen Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan	2,301,623	—
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits after transfers	79,881,284	(698,561 )
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	1,018,782,705	1,019,481,266
End of year	\$1,098,663,989	\$1,018,782,705

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements

Campbell Soup Company 401(k) Retirement Plan  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 1 – Description of the Plan

The following brief description of the Campbell Soup Company 401(k) Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering employees at all domestic locations of Campbell Soup Company (“Campbell” or the “Company”) and certain of the Company’s subsidiaries, and certain other former employees. All of the Company’s full time employees and those part time employees with scheduled hours greater than or equal to 20 hours per week are eligible to participate in the Plan effective the first day of work with the Company. All other employees are eligible to participate after they have completed 1,000 hours of service in a given anniversary year. Residents of Puerto Rico are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”).  
Administration of Plan Assets

The Plan is administered by the Administrative Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Administrative Committee”). The Mercer Trust Company (the “Trustee”) has been appointed by the Administrative Committee to safeguard the assets of the Plan. The Trustee is responsible to invest funds received from contributions, investment sales, interest, and dividend income and make distribution payments to participants. Certain administrative expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Mercer HR Services was appointed by the Administrative Committee to provide record-keeping services. On December 31, 2016, Mercer HR Services’ defined contribution administration business was divested to Transamerica Retirement Solutions. Transamerica Retirement Solutions is currently the record-keeper for the Plan.

Employer Contributions

The Company provides a matching contribution of 100% on up to 4% of an employee’s earnings each payroll, as defined, for all eligible non-union participants and union participants. In addition, the Company provides a 3% non-elective contribution to all eligible non-union employees hired or rehired after December 31, 2010, eligible union employees at the Paris, TX facility who attained seniority on or after January 1, 2012, eligible employees at the Napoleon, OH facility who attained seniority on or after October 22, 2006, and all eligible employees of the Company’s Garden Fresh Gourmet Foods, Inc. (formally known as Stockpot, Inc.) subsidiary regardless of hire date.

Employee Contributions

Participant contributions to the Plan are made through payroll deductions and credited to their individual accounts. All newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan at a before-tax contribution rate of 4% of earnings, as defined, unless an election is made by the participant to participate at a different rate. If employees do not want to participate, they must notify the Trustee and elect not to enroll in the Plan. Earnings are defined by the Plan and the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (“IRC”).

In addition, the total after-tax contribution each pay period, when combined with the before-tax contribution and any catch-up contributions, cannot exceed 50% of the participant’s compensation, as defined in the Plan. Catch-up contributions are excess before-tax contributions available to those participants age 50 and older, by the end of the calendar year. However, in accordance with the IRC, the amount of a participant’s before-tax contribution was limited to \$18,000 (\$24,000 including catch-up contributions) in calendar years 2016 and 2015. Participants also may roll over distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans into the Plan.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's contributions and investment earnings. Certain administrative expenses triggered by a participant's actions, such as loan expenses, are charged to the individual participant's account and a quarterly recordkeeping fee is charged to all participants' accounts. The benefit for which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance. Participants can receive dividends paid on the Company's stock held in the Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund as cash or reinvest the dividends back into the Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund. In 2016 and 2015, dividends paid in cash on Company stock were \$430,437 and \$476,639, respectively, and were included in dividend income on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and in all Company contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

#### Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 from their accounts up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Note terms range from one year to five years. Prior to the merger of the Garden Fresh Gourmet Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan with this Plan effective January 1, 2011, notes in the former Garden Fresh Gourmet Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan were available for an extended term if they were used for the purchase of a primary residence. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear an interest rate that is two points above the prime rate in effect on the last business day of the month immediately preceding the month in which the note is granted. Principal and interest are repaid ratably through payroll deductions. Interest rates ranged from 4.25% to 10.50% and 5.25% to 10.50% per annum at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

#### Payment of Benefits

Participants may take a withdrawal of the value of the interest in their account upon retirement, termination of employment, or death. Participants who are still actively working at the Company may take a withdrawal from their after-tax and Company match accounts if the monies were held in the Plan for two years or if they have participated in the Plan for five years. Active participants who are age 59 ½ or older may also take a withdrawal from their before-tax account without incurring early withdrawal penalties. Participants who meet the requirements for a hardship withdrawal may withdraw their before-tax contributions. A six-month suspension of participant contributions is required for all hardship transactions and Company matching contributions are foregone for the same period. Normally, any amount withdrawn before age 59 ½ (other than after-tax contributions) is subject to a 10% early withdrawal penalty tax on the amount withdrawn.

Participants who leave employment of the Company and are under age 55 can take a lump sum distribution or defer payment until April 1 following the year in which they turn age 70 ½. Participants who leave employment with the Company at or after age 55 can take a lump sum distribution, installments, or defer payments until the April 1 following the year in which they turn age 70 ½.

#### Forfeited Accounts

The balance of forfeited accounts totaled \$356,969 and \$264,679 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future Company matching contributions and pay other permitted Plan expenses. In 2016 and 2015, \$30,824 and \$20,140, respectively of forfeited nonvested accounts were used to reduce the Company's matching contributions.

#### Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee contributions in 1% increments in any of the various investment options provided in the Plan, which include mutual funds, a common collective trust, and the Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund. Contributions of participants who do not elect to direct their contributions to the Plan's various investment options are automatically enrolled into the Vanguard Target Retirement Funds, based on their expected retirement date.

#### Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

##### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### Investment Valuation

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

##### Income Recognition

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Interest on notes receivable from participants is recorded in the investment option from which the note originated. Net appreciation includes gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

##### Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

##### Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable are recorded as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

#### Note 3 – Related-Party and Party In Interest Transactions

Shares of Company common stock included in the Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund are offered as a Plan investment to participants. Additionally, the Plan issues notes to participants, which are secured by the participant's account balances. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions but are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA and the IRC under statutory or governmental agency exemptions. Total sales at market value related to Campbell Soup Company common stock for 2016 and 2015 were \$12,358,448 and \$17,498,993, respectively. Total contributions into the Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund for 2016 and 2015 were \$8,719,355 and \$7,996,101, respectively.

Certain of the Plan's investments are managed by the Trustee, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for investment manager services are included in net appreciation in the fair value of the investment.

Certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers and employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan for their services.



## Note 4 – Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the exit price, or the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants as of the measurement date. When available, the Company uses unadjusted quoted market prices to measure the fair value and classifies such items as Level 1. If quoted market prices are not available, the Company bases fair value upon internally developed models that use current market-based or independently sourced market parameters such as interest rates and currency rates. The framework that the authoritative guidance establishes for measuring fair value includes a hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1: Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability through corroboration with observable market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs, which are valued based on estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following tables summarize the Plan's investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	Fair Value as of December 31, 2016	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2016 Using Fair Value Hierarchy		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual Funds:				
Equity funds	\$ 295,204,484	\$ 295,204,484	\$ —	\$ —
Target funds	284,288,101	284,288,101	—	—
Index funds – equity	130,269,237	130,269,237	—	—
Index funds – fixed income	38,683,502	38,683,502	—	—
Fixed income funds	21,899,543	21,899,543	—	—
Total Mutual Funds	770,344,867	770,344,867	—	—
Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund	246,080,927	—	246,080,927	—
Total Assets in Fair Value Hierarchy	1,016,425,794	770,344,867	246,080,927	—
Other investments measured at net asset value:				
Common Collective Trust	\$ 65,666,386			
Total	\$ 1,082,092,180			



	Fair Value as of December 31, 2015	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2015 Using Fair Value Hierarchy		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Mutual Funds:</b>				
Equity funds	\$ 281,931,099	\$281,931,099	\$—	\$ —
Target funds	254,391,865	254,391,865	—	—
Index funds – equity	117,017,232	117,017,232	—	—
Index funds – fixed income	35,796,387	35,796,387	—	—
Fixed income funds	20,757,865	20,757,865	—	—
Money market fund	63,969,143	63,969,143	—	—
Total Mutual Funds	773,863,591	773,863,591	—	—
Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund	228,773,646	—	228,773,646	—
Total	\$ 1,002,637,237	\$773,863,591	\$228,773,646	\$ —

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

**Mutual Funds** – These investments are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. These investments are classified as Level 1.

**The Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund** –The fund is a unitized stock fund that consists of Campbell Soup Company common stock and investments in a temporary investment fund to provide liquidity for daily trading. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund held 4,018,795 and 4,289,627 shares, respectively, of Campbell Soup Company common stock with a fair value of \$243,016,534 and \$225,419,899, respectively. Fair value of the fund is based upon the fair value of the underlying assets derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. These investments are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

**Common Collective Trust** - The fund is a bank collective investment fund and is maintained and managed by BlackRock Institutional Trust Company. Common collective trusts that do not have a readily determinable fair value and are valued based upon a net asset value. Common collective trusts valued based upon a net asset value practical expedient are included as a reconciling item to the fair value table. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments.

	December 31, 2016			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Common Collective Trust	\$65,666,386	N/A	Daily	Daily

#### Note 5 – Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and ERISA.

#### Note 6 – Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated September 17, 2013 that the Plan is designed and operated in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Administrative Committee believes that the Plan is

designed, and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is required in the accompanying financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2016, there are no uncertain positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2013.

Note 7 – Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides for investment options in various funds that invest in equity and debt securities and other investments. Such investments are exposed to risks and uncertainties, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, market risk, economic changes, political unrest, regulatory changes and foreign currency risk. The Plan’s exposure to a concentration of risk is dependent upon funds selected by participants. The following table shows details on investments that represent a concentration of greater than 10% of the Plan’s net assets:

Investments	December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Balance	% of Net assets	Balance	% of Net assets
Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund	\$243,016,534	22%	\$225,419,899	22%
American Funds Growth Fund of America	\$133,066,297	12%	\$134,296,984	13%

Due the concentration of investments denoted above, in addition to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants’ account balances and the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Note 8 – Plan Amendments and Fund Changes

On August 1, 2015, the Vanguard Target Date Funds with an “Investor” share class and an expense ratio of 0.18%, 0.17% or 0.16% (depending on the year of the target date fund) were transitioned to the new Vanguard Target Date Funds with an “Institutional” share class and a 0.10% expense ratio for all of the target date funds. The underlying investments in the funds remained the same.

In December 2015, the Plan was amended to add Kelsen Inc. as a participating subsidiary of the Company to the Plan beginning on January 1, 2016. The addition of Kelsen Inc. as a participating subsidiary resulted in a transfer into the Plan of \$2,301,623 of assets from the Kelsen Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Plan was amended and restated to incorporate all amendments prior to submitting the Plan for redetermination of its tax-qualified status. Subsequently, the Plan was submitted to the IRS for redetermination of its tax-qualified status.

On August 29, 2016, the Blackrock Liquidity Funds-TempFund was removed from the Plan and replaced with the Blackrock Short-Term Investment Fund.

Note 9 – Subsequent Events

Effective January 1, 2017, the Plan was amended to add Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. as a participating subsidiary of the Company to the Plan.

Supplemental Schedule

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Campbell Soup Company  
 401(k) Retirement Plan  
 Attachment to 2014 Form 5500  
 Schedule H, line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)  
 As of December 31, 2016  
 EIN: 21-0419870 PN: 008

(b) (a) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) (e) Cost Current value
Blackrock Short-Term Investment Fund	Common Collective Trust	N/R \$65,666,386
American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 36,973,656
Pimco Real Return Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 5,258,044
Vanguard Ext Market Index Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 22,924,969
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 11,600,459
Vanguard Total Int'l Stock Index Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 10,919,940
American Funds Growth Fund of America	Mutual Fund	N/R 133,066,297
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 27,083,043
T. Rowe Price Small Cap Val Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 36,941,886
Pimco Total Return Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 16,641,499
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET Income Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 5,080,122
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2010 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 5,267,686
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2015 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 13,938,695
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 37,523,330
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 49,622,571
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 43,963,624
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 32,203,915
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 33,058,440
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 28,741,201
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 21,855,115
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 10,211,033
Vanguard Inst'l Target RET 2060 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 2,822,369
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 96,424,328
Vanguard Equity-Income Fund	Mutual Fund	N/R 88,222,645
* Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates from 4.25% to 10.50% Maturity dates from January 2017 to March 2031	16,571,809
* Campbell Soup Company Stock Fund	Company Stock	N/R 246,080,927
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,098,663,989</b>

N/R - Participant directed investment; cost not required to be reported.

\* Party-in interest as defined by ERISA



SIGNATURES

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

CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN

By: /s/ Ashok Madhavan  
Ashok Madhavan  
Member of the Administrative Committee

Date: June 22, 2017



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