

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287  
 Estimated average burden  
 hours per response: 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to  
 Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5  
 obligations may continue. See  
 Instruction 1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box to indicate that a  
 transaction was made pursuant to a  
 contract, instruction or written plan for  
 the purchase or sale of equity  
 securities of the issuer that is  
 intended to satisfy the affirmative  
 defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c).  
 See Instruction 10.

|  |                     |          |   |  |
|--|---------------------|----------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Candelino Roberto</u> |                     |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [ SMG ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)   |
| (Last)   | (First)             | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>09/05/2025</u>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  |
| C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY<br>14111 SCOTTS LAWN ROAD         |                     |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                            | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (Street)   | MARYSVILLE OH 43041 |          |   |  |
| (City)   | (State)             | (Zip)    |   |  |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V |   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |   |  |   |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |   | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |  | Code   | V |   |  |  |   |  |
| Dividend Equivalent Rights                 | (I)  | 09/05/2025                           |  | A                              | 36   |  |   | (I)   | (I)  | Common Shares  | 36  | \$63.04  |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |  |  |   |   |  |  | 108   | D  |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The dividend equivalent rights accrued on DSU or RSU grants and become exercisable proportionately with the DSUs or RSUs to which they relate. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one common share of the Issuer.

## Remarks:

/s/ Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Roberto Candelino 09/09/2025

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.