

BOSTON BEER CO INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KOCH C JAMES**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/29/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. 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   | Amount (A) or Price (D)   |  |   |
| Class A Common                  | 12/29/2014                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 720   | D  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 291.03 <sup>(2)</sup>  |  |   |
| Class A Common                  | 12/29/2014                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,080   | D  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 292.32 <sup>(3)</sup>  |  |   |
| Class A Common                  | 12/29/2014                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 500   | D  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 293  |  |   |
| Class A Common                  | 12/29/2014                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 400   | D  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$ 296  |  |   |

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|----------------|------------|--|------------------|-----|---|--------|---------|---|---|
| Class A Common | 12/29/2014 |  | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 300 | D | \$ 297 | 29,132  | D |   |
| Class A Common |            |  |                  |     |   |        | 44,248  | I | By LLC managed by spouse                        |
| Class A Common |            |  |                  |     |   |        | 135,000 | I | By Spouse in Trust under GRAT                   |
| Class A Common |            |  |                  |     |   |        | 23,486  | I | Custodian for children under UGTMA              |
| Class A Common |            |  |                  |     |   |        | 5,000   | I | By Trust as Trustee                             |
| Class A Common |            |  |                  |     |   |        | 3,656   | I | By spouse as custodian for children under UGTMA |
| Class A Common |            |  |                  |     |   |        | 2,532   | I | By spouse in trust for children                 |

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 5) |       |           |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|-------|-----------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable                           | Expiration Date   | Title | Amount or |

Number  
of  
Shares

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other |
| KOCH C JAMES<br>C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY<br>ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850<br>BOSTON, MA 02210 | X             | X         | Chairman |       |

## Signatures

Kathleen Wade under POA for the benefit of C. James  
Koch

12/30/2014

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 14, 2014.  
The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 720 shares is from \$291.00 to \$291.10. The Filing Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request of the SEC, the Registrant, or a shareholder of the Registrant.
  - (2) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 2,080 shares is from \$292.00 to \$292.75. The Filing Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request of the SEC, the Registrant, or a shareholder of the Registrant.

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