

BOSTON BEER CO INC

Form 4

December 29, 2015

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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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)  
**12/28/2015**

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 (D) | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                                       |
| Class A Common                  | 12/28/2015                           |                                                    | S <u>(1)</u>                   |                                                                   | 4,500  | D          | \$ 203.4 <u>(2)</u>                                                                           | 932                                                      | D                                                     |
| Class A Common                  | 12/28/2015                           |                                                    | S <u>(1)</u>                   |                                                                   | 500    | D          | \$ 204.64                                                                                     | 432                                                      | D                                                     |
| Class A Common                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |            |                                                                                               | 44,248                                                   | I                                                     |
| Class A Common                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |            |                                                                                               | 23,486                                                   | I                                                     |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |            |                                                                                               |                                                          | By LLC managed by spouse                              |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |            |                                                                                               |                                                          | Custodian for children                                |

|                   |       |   |                                                                   |
|-------------------|-------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class A<br>Common | 5,000 | I | under<br>UGTMA<br>By Trust as<br>Trustee                          |
| Class A<br>Common | 3,656 | I | By spouse<br>as<br>custodian<br>for<br>children<br>under<br>UGTMA |
| Class A<br>Common | 2,532 | I | By spouse<br>in trust for<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reportable<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 6) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>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 H. Wade under POA for the benefit of C. James  
Koch

12/29/2015

\_\_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 transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 16, 2015.

- (2) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 4,500 shares is from \$203.05 to \$204.00. 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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