

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 *
 Geist John C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC., ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE

(Street)

BOSTON, MA, X1 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)
 01/06/2016

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)
 Chief Sales Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common	01/06/2016		M ⁽¹⁾	8,000 A \$ 95.09 ⁽²⁾	8,443 ⁽³⁾	D	
Class A Common	01/06/2016		S ⁽¹⁾	4,100 D \$ 190.47 ⁽²⁾	4,343 ⁽³⁾	D	
Class A Common	01/06/2016		S ⁽¹⁾	2,753 D \$ 191.2 ⁽⁴⁾	1,590 ⁽³⁾	D	
Class A Common	01/06/2016		S ⁽¹⁾	1,147 D \$ 192.5 ⁽⁵⁾	443 ⁽³⁾	D	

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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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 95.09	01/06/2016		M	8,000	01/01/2016 ⁽⁶⁾ 12/31/2020	Class A Common 80,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Geist John C C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC. ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE BOSTON, MA, X1 02210			Chief Sales Officer	

Signatures

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of John C. Geist
 01/07/2016
 **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 9, 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 4,100 shares is from \$190.00 to \$190.87. 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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- (3) The shares reported include 293 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting conditions.

The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 2,753 shares is from \$191.00 to \$191.94. 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.

- (4) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 1,147 shares is from \$192.03 to \$193.00. 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.

- (5) The option vests in five installments; the first vested on January 1, 2016. The remaining installments will vest on January 1 in each of the years 2017-2020, provided that the Reporting Person remains employed by the Issuer on the applicable vesting dates.

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