

BOSTON BEER CO INC
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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 *
 Smalla Frank H.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2016

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

(Street)
 BOSTON, MA 02210

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common	02/23/2016		A ⁽¹⁾	5,201 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	5,201 ⁽¹⁾	D

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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class A Common Stock Option	\$ 192.26	02/23/2016		A	44,837	02/23/2019 ⁽²⁾	02/22/2026	Class A Common Stock	44,837		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smalla Frank H. C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850 BOSTON, MA 02210			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of Frank H. Smalla 02/24/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- (1) The shares reported comprise of 5,201 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting conditions, all of which were granted as a restricted stock award on the transaction date pursuant to the Issuer's Employee Equity Incentive Program. The shares will vest in three equal installments, on February 23 in the years 2017 through 2019, provided that the Reporting Person remains employed by the Issuer on the applicable vesting dates.
- (2) The option will vest in five equal installments, on February 23 in the years 2019 through 2023, provided that the Reporting Person remains employed by the Issuer on the applicable vesting date.

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