

BOSTON BEER CO INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Lance Thomas W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC., 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)  
03/05/2015

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)  
VP Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Class A Common                  | 03/05/2015                           |                                                    | M                              | 5,000 A                                                           | \$ 18.51 8,342 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                 | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Class A Common                  | 03/05/2015                           |                                                    | S                              | 704 D                                                             | \$ 257.88 7,638 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Class A Common                  | 03/05/2015                           |                                                    | S                              | 1,459 D                                                           | \$ 258.97 6,179 <sup>(3)</sup>                                                                | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Class A Common                  | 03/05/2015                           |                                                    | S                              | 974 D                                                             | \$ 260.2 5,205 <sup>(4)</sup>                                                                 | D                                                        |                                                       |

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|-------------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------------------------|-------|---|
| Class A<br>Common | 03/05/2015 | S | 1,073 | D | \$<br>261.01<br><u>(5)</u> | 4,132 | D |
| Class A<br>Common | 03/05/2015 | S | 790   | D | \$<br>262.02<br><u>(6)</u> | 3,342 | 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)

| 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 (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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock<br>Option       | \$ 18.51                                               | 03/05/2015                           |                                                    | M                              | 5,000                                                                          | 03/01/2011 <sup>(7)</sup> 03/13/2019                     | Class A<br>Common 60,000                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                | Relationships |           |               |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|                                                                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer       | Other |
| Lance Thomas W<br>C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.<br>ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850<br>BOSTON, MA 02210 |               |           | VP Operations |       |

## Signatures

Kathleen Wade under POA for the benefit of Thomas W.  
Lance

03/06/2015

\_\_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 shares reported include 487 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 704 shares is

(2) from \$257.39 to \$258.38. 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.

The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 1,459 shares

(3) is from \$258.49 to \$259.40. 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.

The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 974 shares is

(4) from \$259.63 to \$260.62. 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.

The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 1,073 shares

(5) is from \$260.66 to \$261.47. 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.

The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 790 shares is

(6) from \$261.80 to \$262.77. 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.

(7) On 3/13/2009, the Issuer granted the Reporting Person a contingent vesting option of 60,000 shares of Class A Common Stock. The option vested in three equal installments: The first on 3/1/2011, the second on 03/01/2012, and the third on 03/01/2013.

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