

BOSTON BEER CO INC

Form 4

March 04, 2016

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

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1(b).

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

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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)  
03/03/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Sales Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ 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 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)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price
Class A Common	03/03/2016		M <sup>(1)</sup>		749	A	\$ 95.09
						1,336 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Common	03/03/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		749	D	\$ 200
						587 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class A Common Stock Option	\$ 95.09	03/03/2016		M	749	01/01/2016 <sup>(3)</sup>	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

03/04/2016

\*\*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 shares reported include 437 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting conditions.

(3) 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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