BOSTON BEER CO INC

Form 4

March 02, 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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lance Thomas W

(First) (Middle)

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

CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850

(Street)

(State)

BOSTON, MA 02210

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]

Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

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below)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

10% Owner Other (specify

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Estimated average

burden hours per

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

Transactionof

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)			(Month/Day/Year	·)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 241.79	03/01/2015		A	428		03/01/2015(1)	12/31/2023	Class A Common	2,140

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Lance Thomas W

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC. ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850 BOSTON, MA 02210

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Signatures

Karthleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of Thomas W. Lance

03/02/2015

**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).

On 1/1/2014, the Issuer granted the Reporting Person a contingent vesting option of 2,140 shares of Class A Common Stock. On
2/23/2015, the Issuer determined that the performance criteria set forth in the option had been met, and therefore the entire option will vest and become exercisable as follows: 428 shares each on 3/1/2015,1/1/2016, 1/1/2017, 1/1/2018, and 1/1/2019, provided that the Reporting Person remains employed by the Issuer on the applicable vesting date.

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