

KOCH C JAMES
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**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 *
KOCH C JAMES

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, 75 ARLINGTON STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman

(Street)
BOSTON, MA, X1 02116

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common	01/01/2005		M	863	A	\$ 4.2938	382,984	D
Class A Common	01/01/2005		M	714	A	\$ 5.3063	383,698	D
Class A Common	01/01/2005		M	402	A	\$ 10.527	384,100	D
Class A Common	01/01/2005		M	946	A	\$ 8.68	385,046	D
Class A Common	01/01/2005		M	474	A	\$ 11.079	385,520	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 4.2938	01/01/2005		M	863	(1) (1)		Class A Common	4,307	\$ 4.29
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 5.3063	01/01/2005		M	714	(1) (1)		Class A Common	3,567	\$ 5.30
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 10.527	01/01/2005		M	402	(1) (1)		Class A Common	2,010	\$ 10.53
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 8.68	01/01/2005		M	946	(1) (1)		Class A Common	4,729	\$ 8.68
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 11.079	01/01/2005		M	474	(1) (1)		Class A Common	2,373	\$ 11.08

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KOCH C JAMES C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY 75 ARLINGTON STREET BOSTON, MA, X1 02116	X	X	Chairman	

Signatures

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of C. James
Koch

01/03/2005

__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) Restricted Stock Purchase pursuant to the Investment Share Program under the issuer's Employee Equity Incentive Plan, shares vest at 20% over 5 years from date of purchase.

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