

BOSTON BEER CO INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**ROPER MARTIN F**

(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)  
**01/28/2016**

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)  
**President and C.E.O.**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 (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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| Class A Common                  | 01/28/2016                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | \$ 10,000   | A  | 12,273  |
| Class A Common                  | 01/28/2016                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | \$ 169.5 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D  | 10,895  |
| Class A Common                  | 01/28/2016                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | \$ 170.47 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  | 9,185   |
| Class A Common                  | 01/28/2016                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | \$ 171.71 <sup>(4)</sup>  | D  | 8,198   |

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|-------------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|----------------------------|-------|---|
| Class A<br>Common | 01/28/2016 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 2,964 | D | \$<br>172.49<br><u>(5)</u> | 5,234 | D |
| Class A<br>Common | 01/28/2016 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 2,522 | D | \$ 173.5<br><u>(6)</u>     | 2,712 | D |
| Class A<br>Common | 01/28/2016 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 439   | D | \$<br>174.27<br><u>(7)</u> | 2,273 | 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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock Option                | \$ 101.99  | 01/28/2016                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 10,000  | 01/01/2014 <sup>(8)</sup> 12/31/2018 <sup>(8)</sup>      | Class A Common 75   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| ROPER MARTIN F<br>C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.<br>ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850<br>BOSTON, MA 02210 | X             |           | President and C.E.O. |       |

## Signatures

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of Martin F. Roper  
01/29/2016

           \*\*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 price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 1,378 shares is from \$169.00 to \$169.89. 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.

(3) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 1,710 shares is from \$170.00 to \$170.98. 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.

(4) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 987 shares is from \$171.01 to \$172.00. 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.

(5) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 2,964 shares is from \$172.01 to \$172.98. 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.

(6) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 2,522 shares is from \$173.03 to \$174.00. 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) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 439 shares is from \$174.16 to \$174.67. 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.

(8) The option vests in five equal installments; the first on January 1, 2014, and the final vesting on January 1, 2018, subject to the Reporting Person remaining employed by the Issuer on the applicable vesting date. With respect to certain shares, the option expires on December 31, 2017. All options are subject to earlier expiration based on certain contingencies.

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