

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)
 01/20/2017

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)
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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 | 01/20/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 85.09 42,273 | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/20/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 153.67 41,375 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/20/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 154.56 35,975 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/20/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 34,373 155.73 | D | |

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|-------------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|--------------|--------|---|
| Class A Common | 01/20/2017 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 2,100 | D | (4) | 32,273 | D |
| | | | | | \$ 156.57 | | |

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 | \$ 85.09 | 01/20/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 10,000 | 01/01/2014 ⁽⁶⁾ 12/31/2017 ⁽⁶⁾ | Class A Common 75 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Michael G. Andrews under POA for the benefit of Martin F. Roper
Date: 01/23/2017

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1)

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The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 7, 2016. The Rule 10b5-1 trading plan and the transactions contemplated thereby were approved by unanimous consent of the Class B Stockholders of the Company.

- (2) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 898 shares is from \$153.15 to \$154.00. 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.

- (3) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 5,400 shares is from \$154.15 to \$155.10. 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 1,602 shares is from \$155.20 to \$156.15. 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 2,100 shares is from \$156.30 to \$156.90. 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 option vests in five equal installments: the first on January 1, 2014, and the final vesting on January 1, 2018. With respect to certain shares, the option expires on December 31, 2018. All options are subject to earlier expiration based on certain contingencies.

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