

KOCH C JAMES  
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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 \*  
**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, ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/21/2012**

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

(Street)  
**BOSTON, MA 02210**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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                  | 05/21/2012                           |  | S                              | 800   | D   | \$ 102.93<br>(1) (4)                                     | 249,448 D   |
| Class A Common                  | 05/21/2012                           |  | S                              | 500   | D   | \$ 104.1<br>(2) (4)                                      | 248,948 D   |
| Class A Common                  | 05/21/2012                           |  | S                              | 3,700   | D   | \$ 105.49<br>(3) (4)                                     | 245,248 D   |
| Class A Common                  |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 23,486 I Custodian for                                |

|                   |        |   |   |
|-------------------|--------|---|---|
| Class A<br>Common | 3,656  | I | children<br>under<br>UGTMA<br><br>By spouse<br>as<br>custodian<br>for<br>children<br>under<br>UGTMA |
| Class A<br>Common | 2,532  | I | By spouse<br>in trust for<br>children   |
| Class A<br>Common | 22,756 | I | By spouse<br>in trust<br>under<br>GRAT  |

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) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |          |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other |
|                                | X             | X         | Chairman |       |

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

## Signatures

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

05/22/2012

\_\_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 price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for 800 shares is from \$102.54 to \$103.16.
- (2) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for 500 shares is from \$103.73 to \$104.43.
- (3) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for 3,700 shares is from \$105.03 to \$106.00.
- (4) The reporting person will provide, upon request from the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Registrant or a shareholder of the Registrant, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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