

Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc.
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Colson Eric R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc. [APAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

C/O ARTISAN PARTNERS ASSET MANAGEMENT, 875 E WISCONSIN AVE, SUITE 800

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

(Street)
 MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ⁽¹⁾ | 03/12/2014 | | D ⁽²⁾ | | 138,636 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ | D | | \$ 0 785,609 |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Class B Common Units of Artisan Partners Holdings LP | (2) | 03/12/2014 | | D(2) | 138,636 (2) (3) | (3) | (3) | Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 138,636 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Colson Eric R C/O ARTISAN PARTNERS ASSET MANAGEMENT 875 E WISCONSIN AVE, SUITE 800 MILWAUKEE, WI 53202 | X | X | President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Lisa A. Moran, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Colson 03/12/2014

**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) In connection with the Company's initial public offering and related reorganization transactions, on March 12, 2013, each holder of a Class B common unit ("Class B Common Unit") of Artisan Partners Holdings LP received a number of shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Class B Common Stock"), of the Company equal to the number of Class B Common Units then held by such person. Shares of Class B Common Stock do not have economic rights.
- (2) On March 12, 2014, pursuant to the Partnership Unit Purchase Agreement by and between the Company and Mr. Colson, the Company purchased 138,636 Class B Common Units from Mr. Colson for \$59.675 per unit and Mr. Colson delivered to the Company an equal number of shares of Class B Common Stock for cancellation.
- (3) Pursuant to an Exchange Agreement among the Company and each holder of limited partnership units of Artisan Partners Holdings LP ("Exchange Agreement"), which became effective on March 12, 2013, following March 12, 2014, each holder of Class B Common Units has the right, pursuant to and subject to the limitations and restrictions set forth in the Exchange

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Agreement, to exchange his, her or its Class B Common Units for an equal number of shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Class A Common Stock"), of the Company. Upon any such exchange for Class A Common Stock, the corresponding shares of Class B Common Stock then held by such holder will be cancelled. The Class B Common Units have no expiration date.

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