

Geist John C  
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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 \*  
Geist John C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC., ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE

(Street)

BOSTON, MA, X1 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)  
01/01/2009

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)  
VP of Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)			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 or Price			
Class A Common	01/01/2009		M		300	A \$ 11.079	300	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2009		M		358	A \$ 12.684	658	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2009		M		330	A \$ 14.97	988	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2009		M		162	A \$ 21.588	1,150	D	
Class A Common	01/01/2009		M		154	A \$ 22.59	1,304	D	

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Class A Common 01/02/2009 S 1,304 D \$ 28.4267 0 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 11.079	01/01/2009		M	300	(1) (1)	Class A Common 1,500
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 12.684	01/01/2009		M	358	(1) (1)	Class A Common 1,789
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 14.97	01/01/2009		M	330	(1) (1)	Class A Common 1,649
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 21.588	01/01/2009		M	162	(1) (1)	Class A Common 810
Restricted Stock Purchase	\$ 22.59	01/01/2009		M	774	(1) (1)	Class A Common 774
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.4	01/01/2009		A	25,000	(2) 01/01/2019	Class A Common 25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.  
ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE  
BOSTON, MA, X1 02210

VP of Sales

## Signatures

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of John C.  
Geist

01/05/2009

\_\_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 20% over 5 years from date of purchase.  

Reporting Person's right to exercise this option is contingent upon the Company's 2009 performance against a benchmark, which performance will be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors on or before March 1, 2010. If the Company does not meet the benchmark, the Option shall lapse as to 50% or all of the shares, based on the Committee's determination.
- (2) Company does not meet the benchmark, the Option shall become exercisable as to a maximum of 5,000 shares on 3/1/2010 and 5,000 shares on each of 1/1/2011, 1/1/2012, 1/1/2013 and 1/1/2014, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date.

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