

Geist John C  
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 \*  
Geist John C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(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)  
01/02/2018

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)  
Chief Sales Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common	01/02/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>	8,000	A \$ 95.09	9,576 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Common	01/02/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>	4,264	D \$ 187.37	5,312 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Common	01/02/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>	265	D \$ 188.14	5,047 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Common	01/02/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,271	D \$ 189.21	2,776 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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Class A Common      01/02/2018      S<sup>(1)</sup>      1,317      D      \$ 190      1,459 <sup>(2)</sup>      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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Class A Common Stock Option	\$ 95.09	01/02/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>	8,000	01/01/2016 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/31/2020	Class A Common	8,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Geist John C C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC. ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE BOSTON, MA 02210			Chief Sales Officer	

## Signatures

Michael G. Andrews under POA for the benefit of John C. Geist      01/03/2018

        \*\*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 October 31, 2017.

(2) The shares reported include 1,459 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting conditions.

(3) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 4,264 shares is from \$187.00 to \$187.95. 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 265 shares is from \$188.00 to \$188.90. 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.

(5) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 2,271 shares is from \$189.00 to \$189.80. 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 annual installments, on January 1 in the years 2016 to 2020, provided that the Reporting Person remains employed by the Company on the applicable vesting dates.

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