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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Smalla Frank H.			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(encon un applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
C/O THE BOSTON BEER			01/22/2018	Officer (give titleOther (specify			
COMPANY, ONE DESIGN		IGN		below) below) Chief Financial Officer			
CENTER P	LACE, SUI	ΓE 850		Cinci i manetai Officei			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
				X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
BOSTON, N	MA 02210			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-E	Derivative Se	curities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any		Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	(A c Amount (I	r	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common	01/22/2018		A(1)	114 A	\$ 152.88	6,623 (2)	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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smalla Frank H. C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850 BOSTON, MA 02210

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Michael G. Andrews under POA for the benefit of Frank H. Smalla

01/22/2018

**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).
 - The shares were purchased pursuant to the Issuer's Employee Equity Incentive Plan on January 22, 2018, with an effective grant date of January 1, 2018. Under this plan, tenured employees may purchase restricted shares at a discounted price. These restricted shares vest in
- (1) five equal installments over a five year period, provided that the Reporting Person remains employed by the Issuer as of the applicable vesting date. The first installment vests one year from grant date and the final installment vests five years from grant date. These shares have no expiration date.
- (2) The shares reported include 4,890 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting conditions.

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