

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC
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 *
ALBER LAURA

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3250 VAN NESS AVENUE
(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/25/2014

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)
PRESIDENT & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) (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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/27/2014 | | G | V 1,200 D \$ 0 | 319,070 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2014 | | M | 50,000 A \$ 27.72 | 369,070 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2014 | | F | 16,437 (1) D \$ 74.92 | 352,633 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2014 | | D | 18,500 (2) D \$ 74.92 | 334,133 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2014 | | M | 50,000 A \$ 40.87 | 384,133 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|---|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------|---|----------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 11/25/2014 | F | <u>11,858</u> (1) | D | \$ 74.92 | 372,275 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2014 | D | <u>27,276</u> (2) | D | \$ 74.92 | 344,999 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/25/2014 | S | 25,929 | D | \$ <u>74.3188</u> (3) | 319,070 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 13,161 | I | By Managed Account <u>(4)</u> |

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 | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 27.72 | 11/25/2014 | | M | 50,000 | <u>(5)</u> | 03/25/2020 | Common Stock | 50,000 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 40.87 | 11/25/2014 | | M | 50,000 | <u>(6)</u> | 04/05/2018 | Common Stock | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ALBER LAURA 3250 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109 | X | | PRESIDENT & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ David King, Attorney-in-Fact for Laura
Alber

11/26/2014

__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) Reflects the number of shares retained by the issuer to satisfy tax withholding requirements in connection with the reporting person's exercise of a stock-settled stock appreciation right.
- (2) Reflects the number of shares retained by the issuer in connection with the reporting person's exercise of a stock-settled stock appreciation right.
Reflects the weighted average price as the shares were sold in multiple transactions. The per share transaction price ranged from \$74.02 to
- (3) \$75.14. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) Represents the number of shares held by the reporting person in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. Stock Fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) Plan, based on a statement dated November 25, 2014.
- (5) These stock-settled stock appreciation rights are fully vested and immediately exercisable.
- (6) These stock-settled stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments on each anniversary of the grant date.

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