

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC

Form 4

March 20, 2014

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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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)  
03/18/2014

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 &amp; CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock	03/18/2014		M	50,000	A \$ 34.89	183,589	D
Common Stock	03/18/2014		F	10,268 (1)	D \$ 66.76	173,321	D
Common Stock	03/18/2014		D	26,131 (2)	D \$ 66.76	147,190	D
Common Stock	03/18/2014		M	50,000	A \$ 27.72	197,190	D
Common Stock	03/18/2014		F	15,257 (1)	D \$ 66.76	181,933	D

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Common Stock	03/18/2014	D	<u>20,761</u> (2)	D	\$ 66.76	161,172	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2014	S	27,583	D	<u>\$</u> (3) 66.2614	133,589	D	
Common Stock						13,056	I	By Managed Account (4)

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 34.89	03/18/2014		M		50,000		<u>(5)</u>	03/27/2017	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 27.72	03/18/2014		M		50,000		<u>(6)</u>	03/25/2020	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/ Laurel Pies, Attorney-in-Fact for Laura  
Alber

03/20/2014

\_\_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 \$66.03 to \$66.55. 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.
- (3) 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 March 18, 2014.
- (4) These stock-settled stock appreciation rights are fully vested and immediately exercisable.
- (5) These stock-settled stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments on each anniversary of the grant date.

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