

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC
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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 *
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)
04/16/2016

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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 04/16/2016 | | M | | 80,173 A \$ 0 | 402,324 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/16/2016 | | F | | 41,835 (1) D \$ 60.91 | 360,489 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 13,583 | I |

By
Managed
Account
(2)

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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) | 8. 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 Units | (3) | 04/16/2016 | | M | 80,173 | (4) | (5) | Common Stock | 80,173 |

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/ Phil Louridas, Attorney-in-Fact for Laura Alber

04/19/2016

__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) Represents the number of shares withheld upon vesting of restricted stock units to cover tax withholding obligations.
- (2) 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 April 18, 2016.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WSM common stock.
- (4) The restricted stock units vested in two equal installments on April 16, 2014 and April 16, 2016. Vesting of these units was subject to a performance metric.
- (5) The restricted stock units are cancelled upon vesting and delivery of shares of WSM common stock.

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