

BGC Partners, Inc.
Form 8-K
September 03, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 3, 2010

BGC Partners, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-28191
(Commission
File Number)
499 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022

13-4063515
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 610-2200

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 3, 2010, BGC Partners, Inc. (the Company) entered into a Controlled Equity OfferingSM Sales Agreement (the Sales Agreement) with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell up to 5,500,000 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Class A Common Stock), subject to the maximum aggregate gross sales price remaining (currently estimated to be approximately \$71,000,000) under the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-166564), from time to time through Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., as the Company's sales agent under the Sales Agreement. Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. and an affiliate of the Company. The Sales Agreement is in addition to the Company's controlled equity offeringSM sales agreement, dated June 2, 2010, with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., pursuant to which 294,090 shares of Class A Common Stock remain available to be sold.

Sales of shares of Class A Common Stock under the Sales Agreement may be made in privately negotiated transactions or by any method permitted by law deemed to be an at-the-market equity offering as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The foregoing description of the Sales Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Sales Agreement, a copy of which is included as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| 1.1 | Controlled Equity Offering SM Sales Agreement between BGC Partners, Inc. and Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., dated September 3, 2010 |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Stephen M. Merkel |
| 23.1 | Consent of Stephen M. Merkel (included in Exhibit 5.1) |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BGC PARTNERS, INC.

Date: September 3, 2010

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick
Name: Howard W. Lutnick
Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

[Signature to Form 8-K dated September 3, 2010 with respect to the Sales Agreement dated September 3, 2010

between the Company and CF&Co.]