

COWEN GROUP, INC.
Form 8-K
October 07, 2011

**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): **October 7, 2011**

COWEN GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-34516
(Commission File Number)

27-0423711
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

599 Lexington Avenue

New York, NY 10022

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 845-7900**

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departures of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 7, 2011, Cowen Group, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing certain management changes at Cowen and Company, LLC (Cowen), the Company's broker dealer platform, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Jeffrey Solomon has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Cowen and will oversee all of Cowen's businesses, including Investment Banking, Capital Markets, Sales & Trading and Research.

Effective as of October 7, 2011, Mr. Solomon will no longer serve as Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company dated October 7, 2011.

SIGNATURES

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

COWEN GROUP, INC.

Dated: October 7, 2011

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| By: | /s/ Owen S. Littman |
| Name: | Owen S. Littman |
| Title: | General Counsel |