

BGC Partners, Inc.
Form 8-K
June 28, 2012

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): June 28, 2012

BGC Partners, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

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

13-4063515
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On June 27, 2012, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, (Wells Fargo), as representative of the underwriters named in Exhibit A (the Underwriters) to that certain Underwriting Agreement, dated as of June 21, 2012, by and among BGC Partners, Inc. (the Company) and Wells Fargo, as representative of the Underwriters, exercised the option pursuant to Section 2(b) thereof to purchase an additional \$12,500,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company s 8.125% Senior Notes due 2042 (the Additional Notes) registered under the Company s effective Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (Registration No. 333-180331). The Additional Notes were issued at a closing on June 28, 2012.

The Company is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K solely to file as Exhibit 5.1 hereto the legal opinion of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP dated June 28, 2012 as to the legality of the Additional Notes.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 5.1 | Opinion of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP |
| 23.1 | Consent of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP (included in its Opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1) |

SIGNATURES

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

BGC PARTNERS, INC.

Date: June 28, 2012

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

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