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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file numbers 0-28191, 1-35591

**BGC PARTNERS, INC. DEFERRAL PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF
BGC PARTNERS, INC., CANTOR FITZGERALD, L.P. AND THEIR AFFILIATES**

(Full title of the plan)

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BGC PARTNERS, INC.

499 Park Avenue

New York, New York 10022

**(Name of issuer of the securities held
pursuant to the plan and the address of
its principal executive office)**

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All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Investment and Administrative
Committees of the BGC
Partners, Inc. Deferral Plan for
Employees of BGC Partners, Inc.,
Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. and
Their Affiliates

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the BGC Partners, Inc. Deferral Plan for Employees of BGC Partners, Inc., Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. and Their Affiliates (the Plan) as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets held as of the year ended December 31, 2012 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

New York, New York

July 1, 2013

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BGC Partners, Inc. Deferral Plan for Employees of BGC Partners, Inc., Cantor

Fitzgerald, L.P. and Their Affiliates

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

| | December 31, | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 981,971 | \$ 156,210 |
| Participant-directed investments at fair value | 184,116,153 | 153,891,293 |
| Participant contribution receivables | 141,037 | 14,047 |
| Employer contribution receivables | 97,692 | |
| Notes receivable from participants | 3,283,610 | 2,829,644 |
| Total assets | 188,620,463 | 156,891,194 |
| LIABILITIES: | | |
| Other liabilities | 15,146 | 3,987 |
| Total liabilities | 15,146 | 3,987 |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | \$ 188,605,317 | \$ 156,887,207 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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BGC Partners, Inc. Deferral Plan for Employees of BGC Partners, Inc., Cantor

Fitzgerald, L.P. and Their Affiliates

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

| | Year ended December 31, 2012 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| ADDITIONS: | |
| Contributions: | |
| Participant contributions | \$ 18,881,871 |
| Employer contributions | 126,387 |
| Rollover contributions | 15,409,252 |
| Total contributions | 34,417,510 |
| Investment income: | |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 12,656,009 |
| Interest and dividends | 3,650,908 |
| Net investment gain | 16,306,917 |
| Total additions | 50,724,427 |
| DEDUCTIONS: | |
| Distributions to participants | 18,542,181 |
| Administrative expenses | 464,136 |
| Total deductions | 19,006,317 |
| NET INCREASE IN ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | 31,718,110 |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | 156,887,207 |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR | \$ 188,605,317 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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BGC Partners, Inc. Deferral Plan for Employees of BGC Partners, Inc.,

Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. and Their Affiliates

Notes to Financial Statements

As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the BGC Partners, Inc. Deferral Plan for Employees of BGC Partners, Inc., Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. and Their Affiliates (the Plan), provides general information concerning the Plan. Participants should refer to the Plan document and the Plan's summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

On October 14, 2011, BGC Partners, Inc. completed the acquisition of Newmark & Company Real Estate, Inc., the real estate advisory firm which operates as Newmark Knight Frank (Newmark) in the United States and which is associated with London-based Knight Frank. Effective December 31, 2011, all accounts and assets of the Newmark 401(k) Plan (the Newmark Plan) were merged into the Plan. Therefore, the Newmark Plan net assets are included within the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2011.

General The Plan is a defined contribution plan, which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Plan is co-sponsored by Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. (CFLP) and BGC Partners, Inc. (BGC Partners). CFLP and BGC Partners, as well as their participating domestic affiliates, are collectively referred to as the Company.

The trustee for the Plan is TD Ameritrade, Inc. (TD Ameritrade). The trustee is responsible for maintaining the assets of the Plan, making distribution payments as directed by the Company and generally performing all other acts deemed necessary or proper to fulfill its responsibility as set forth in the trust agreement pertaining to the Plan. Professional Capital Services, LLC is the Plan's recordkeeper. Prior to its merger with the Plan, the trustee and recordkeeper for the Newmark Plan was the Vanguard Group, Inc.

Committees The Plan is supervised by an Administrative Committee and an Investment Committee. Both committees are comprised of the same seven members who are all employees of the Company.

The Administrative Committee has the authority, in its sole discretion, to interpret the Plan, to develop rules and regulations, to carry out the provisions of the Plan, to make factual determinations, and to resolve questions relating to eligibility for and the amount of benefits.

The Investment Committee has the authority to make and deal with any investment in any manner consistent with the Plan that it deems advisable. The Investment Committee is assisted by an independent, registered investment advisor, Brinker Capital, Inc. (Brinker), in managing the overall investment process and supervision of the Plan's investments. Brinker acts as an investment fiduciary and investment manager in accordance with ERISA Section 3(38).

Eligibility All employees of the Company are eligible to participate in the Plan upon hire and upon reaching the age of 21, except for temporary or casual employees unless they have completed 1,000 hours within 12 months, individuals classified by the Company as independent contractors, leased employees, employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement and non-resident aliens who receive no earned income from U.S. sources. Eligibility begins the first day of the following month after these requirements are met.

Participant and Company Contributions Eligible employees may elect to contribute up to 80% of their compensation to the plan as pre-tax contributions, Roth contributions, and/or after-tax contributions. The combined amount of a participant's pre-tax and Roth contributions may not exceed a statutory limit (\$17,000 and \$16,500 in 2012 and 2011, respectively, subject to adjustment in future years for cost-of-living increases in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code (IRC or the Code)). The Plan permits rollover contributions, and permits participants age 50 and over to make catch-up contributions of up to \$5,500 for 2012 and 2011. In addition, there are other limitations set forth in the IRC, which the Plan must satisfy. Contributions exceeding the limit will be refunded to the participants. Contributions, amounting to \$1,290, which were in excess of IRC limitations related to the 2012 Plan year, were refunded to the participants by April 15, 2013.

Certain eligible employees that are covered by a real estate and facilities management agreement between the Company and a client of the Company (Client-Site Agreement) are entitled to matching contributions into the plan. Effective during fiscal year 2012, the Company matches 50% of the first 6% of such eligible employee's compensation. The matching contributions are funded by the client of the Company as the

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principal duties of the employee consist of performing services for the client.

Investment Options Participants direct the investment of their contributions into the various investment options offered by the Plan. As of December 31, 2012, investment options include the BGCP Stock Fund, money market funds and exchange traded funds (ETF). On the first day of the second month following hire date, eligible participants who have not submitted an election to participate or not participate in the Plan are auto-enrolled in the Plan by the Company at a rate of 4% of compensation invested in the Brinker Capital Moderate ETF-based strategy.

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Vesting All participants are immediately and fully vested in their elective deferrals, qualified non-elective contributions, rollover contributions, matching contributions covered by a Client-Site Agreement and investment earnings (losses) thereon.

Forfeitures Participant contributions are non-forfeitable at all times.

Participant Accounts Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, any matching contributions and Plan earnings, and charged with withdrawals and allocable Plan losses and expenses (other than expenses paid by the Company). Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Distributions Payment of benefits begins as soon as practicable following termination of employment. If a participant's account balance is more than \$1,000, no distribution will be made prior to normal retirement age (later of age 59 1/2 or completion of five years of service) without the participant's written consent. Participants may elect to defer receipt until April 1 following the later of the calendar year in which the participant attains age 70 1/2 or the calendar year in which the participant terminates employment with the Company.

Notes Receivable From Participants The minimum amount available to participants as a loan under the Plan is \$500, and the maximum amount available will be the lesser of (i) \$50,000 (reduced by a participant's highest outstanding loan balance during the preceding 12 months), or (ii) 50% of the value of the vested portion of a participant's account. Interest on the outstanding loans will be a commercially reasonable rate and the loans will have to be repaid within five years, except if the purpose of the loan is the purchase of a primary residence. All loans will become due and payable upon any separation from employment, other than a separation from employment on account of disability. Participant loans were \$3,283,610 and \$2,829,644 as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and are included in Notes receivable from participants in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Risks and Uncertainties The Plan provides for various investment options. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that the risk factors could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and changes therein.

Plan Termination Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its sponsorship of the Plan and to terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan is terminated, employees will become 100% vested in their accounts.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting The Plan's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Benefit Payments to Participants and Beneficiaries Benefits are recorded when disbursed.

Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes thereof. Actual results could differ from the estimates and assumptions used. Estimates that are particularly susceptible to change include assumptions used in determining the fair value of investments.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Shares of registered investment companies are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end. The BGCP Stock Fund is composed primarily of the BGC Partners, Inc. Class A common stock which is valued at its quoted market price at the end of the year. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends and interest received by the Plan are reinvested into the respective funds.

Notes Receivable From Participants The Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest.

Management Fees and Operating Expenses Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the mutual funds are deducted from the mutual fund on a daily basis and are not reflected separately. Management fees and operating expenses for the privately managed funds are accrued on a daily basis and are reflected in the daily unitized price and are paid on a quarterly basis. Consequently,

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management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments. Fees charged by the plan recordkeeper, the trustee and the investment advisor are included in Administrative expenses in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and cash equivalents include cash and short-term interest-bearing investments with initial maturities of three months or less. Such amounts, which are recorded at cost plus accrued interest, generally represent participant contributions that are held in money market accounts pending investment in participant-directed investments. The majority of the cash and cash equivalent balances held as of December 31, 2012 have subsequently been invested in participant-directed investments.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06, *Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*, (ASU 2010-06). ASU 2010-06 amended Accounting Standards Codification 820 to clarify certain existing fair value disclosures and require a number of additional disclosures. The guidance in ASU 2010-06 clarified that disclosures should be presented separately for each class of assets and liabilities measured at fair value and provided guidance on how to determine the appropriate classes of assets and liabilities to be presented. ASU 2010-06 also clarified the requirement for entities to disclose information about both the valuation techniques and inputs used in estimating Level 2 and Level 3 fair value measurements. In addition, ASU 2010-06 introduced new requirements to disclose the amounts (on a gross basis) and reasons for any significant transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3 of the fair value hierarchy and present information regarding the purchases, sales, issuances and settlements of Level 3 assets and liabilities on a gross basis. With the exception of the requirement to present changes in Level 3 measurements on a gross basis, which was delayed until 2011, the guidance in ASU 2010-06 became effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009. Adoption of ASU 2010-06 had no impact on the Plan's financial statements. The guidance effective for fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2010 had no material impact on the Plan's financial statements upon adoption.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04, *Fair Value Measurement Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs*, (ASU 2011-04). ASU 2011-04 expanded the disclosure requirements around fair value measurements categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. It also clarified and expanded upon existing requirements for fair value measurements of financial assets and liabilities as well as instruments classified in stockholders' equity. This FASB guidance was effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of this FASB guidance did not have a material impact on the Plan's financial statements upon adoption.

3. Exempt Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain officers and employees of the Company, who are participants in the Plan, perform administrative services related to the operation, recordkeeping and financial reporting of the Plan. The Company, at its option, pays these and other administrative expenses on behalf of the Plan. The Plan would pay such expenses if the Company discontinued its practice of paying them.

TD Ameritrade manages the BGCP Stock Fund, the TD Bank USA Institutional Money Market Deposit Account, the TD Bank USA Money Market Deposit Account and the TD Bank USA Non Interest Bearing Money Market Deposit Account.

The BGCP Stock Fund was valued at \$2.4 million and \$3.4 million as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The BGCP Stock Fund comprised 1% and 2% of net assets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. TD Ameritrade is the trustee of the Plan. The net assets of the Plan invested in TD Ameritrade accounts were \$4.1 million and \$1.9 million as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The trustee and recordkeeper of the Newmark Plan was the Vanguard Group, Inc., until January 9, 2012. As of December 31, 2011, the Plan had approximately \$42.0 million of assets invested in Vanguard Funds.

Although these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions, they are specifically exempt in accordance with certain U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Prohibited Transaction Class Exemptions.

4. Income Tax Status of Plan

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 18, 2012, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Subsequent to this determination by the IRS, the Plan was amended. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The plan administrator believes the plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt. The plan administrator will take all necessary actions, if any, to maintain the qualified status of the plan. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. We have analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and have concluded that as of December 31, 2012, there were no uncertain positions taken by the

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Plan that would have required recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. We believe the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2009.

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The Plan had the following investments, which individually represented 5% or more of the Plan's net assets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively:

| | Fair Value as of December 31, | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Fidelity Prime Fund Capital Reserves Class, 18,740,591 and 20,675,722 shares, respectively | \$ 18,740,591 | \$ 20,675,722 |
| Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF, 251,358 and 0 shares, respectively | 18,419,518 | |
| PIMCO Total Return Institutional, 1,235,075 and 1,025,489 shares, respectively | 13,882,244 | 11,147,069 |

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold and held) appreciated (depreciated) as follows:

| | Year Ended December 31, 2012 |
|--|---|
| Mutual funds | \$ 13,883,417 |
| Common stock fund | (1,227,408) |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | \$ 12,656,009 |

6. Fair Value Measurements

The FASB guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the FASB guidance are as follows:

Level 1 measurements – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2 measurements – Quoted prices in markets that are not active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 measurements – Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the fair value of the Plan's investments as of December 31, 2012.

| | Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2012 | | | |
|--|---|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Mutual funds (a) | | | | |
| Balance funds | \$ 56,453,318 | \$ | \$ | \$ 56,453,318 |
| Fixed income funds | 38,287,250 | | | 38,287,250 |
| Growth funds | 24,646,993 | | | 24,646,993 |
| Value funds | 26,653,446 | | | 26,653,446 |
| Other funds | 9,784,248 | | | 9,784,248 |
| Total mutual funds | 155,825,255 | | | 155,825,255 |
| Common stock fund (a) | 2,425,832 | | | 2,425,832 |
| Money market institutional deposit account (b) | 25,865,066 | | | 25,865,066 |
| Total Investments at Fair Value | \$ 184,116,153 | \$ | \$ | \$ 184,116,153 |

(a) Valued at the net asset value.

(b) Valued at outstanding balance plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the fair value of the Plan's investments as of December 31, 2011.

| | Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2011 | | | |
|--|---|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Mutual funds (a) | | | | |
| Balance funds | \$ 30,919,389 | \$ | \$ | \$ 30,919,389 |
| Fixed income funds | 22,459,054 | | | 22,459,054 |
| Growth funds | 26,624,863 | | | 26,624,863 |
| Value funds | 25,208,099 | | | 25,208,099 |
| Target date funds | 5,416,181 | | | 5,416,181 |
| Other funds | 8,934,379 | | | 8,934,379 |
| Total mutual funds | 119,561,965 | | | 119,561,965 |
| Common stock fund (a) | 3,440,332 | | | 3,440,332 |
| Money market institutional deposit account (b) | 30,888,996 | | | 30,888,996 |
| Total Investments at Fair Value | \$ 153,891,293 | \$ | \$ | \$ 153,891,293 |

(a) Valued at the net asset value.

(b) Valued at outstanding balance plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.

7. Subsequent Events

During the year ended December 31, 2012, BGC Partners, Inc. acquired Smith Mack & Company, Inc. (Smith Mack). Effective March 1, 2013, all accounts and assets of the Smith Mack Profit Sharing Plan were merged into the Plan. The market value of the assets transferred into the Plan was \$2,943,677.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

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| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) Current |
|--|--|----------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party | Description of Investment | Cost** | Value | |
| * | Cash and Cash Equivalents | | | |
| | TD Bank USA Money Market Deposit Account | Cash Equivalent | | \$ 981,971 |
| | Participant-Directed Investments | | | |
| | Alps/Red Rocks Listed Private Equity Class A | Registered Investment Co. | | |
| | American Funds Europacific Growth Fund Class R5 | Registered Investment Co. | | |
| | American Funds Europacific Growth Fund Class R | Registered Investment Co. | | 6,016,838 |
| | American Funds The Growth Fund of America Class R5 | Registered Investment Co. | | |
| | American Funds The Growth Fund of America Class R | Registered Investment Co. | | 4,892,093 |
| | American Funds The Income Fund of America Class R5 | Registered Investment Co. | | |
| | American Funds The Income Fund of America Class R | Registered Investment Co. | | 4,725,329 |
| | Aston/River Road Independent Value | Registered Investment Co. | | 843,290 |
| * | BGCP Stock Portfolio | Unitized Portfolio Account | | 2,425,832 |
| | Blackrock Inflation Protected Bond Investment | Registered Investment Co. | | 3,998 |
| | Calamos Growth Fund Class A | Registered Investment Co. | | 2,770,085 |
| | CGM Realty FD | Registered Investment Co. | | |
| | Columbia Acorn Fund Class Z | Registered Investment Co. | | 1,433,696 |
| | Credit Suisse Cushing 30 MLP | Registered Investment Co. | | 879,687 |
| | Dodge and Cox Stock Fund | Registered Investment Co. | | 8,386,429 |
| | Doubleline Low Duration Bond Fund Class | Registered Investment Co. | | 1,983 |
| | Doubleline Total Return Bond Fund Class | Registered Investment Co. | | 3,486,974 |
| | Driehaus Active Income Fund | Registered Investment Co. | | 2,370,140 |
| | Eaton Vance Large Cap Value Fund Class A | Registered Investment Co. | | 990,667 |
| | Federated Government Obligations Fund IS | Registered Investment Co. | | 5,275 |
| | Fidelity Capital and Income Fund Retail | Registered Investment Co. | | 3,121,895 |
| | Fidelity ContraFund | Registered Investment Co. | | 3,772,536 |
| | Fidelity GNMA Fund | Registered Investment Co. | | 13,052 |
| | Fidelity Low Priced Stock Fund | Registered Investment Co. | | 2,456,998 |
| | Fidelity Prime Fund Capital Reserves Class | Registered Investment Co. | | 18,740,591 |
| | First Eagle Overseas Fund Class A | Registered Investment Co. | | 1,962,681 |
| | Goldman Sachs Mid Cap Value Fund Class A | Registered Investment Co. | | 2,512,413 |
| | iShares Barclays Tips BD FD ETF | Registered Investment Co. | | 1,043,427 |
| | iShares Comex Gold TR iShares ETF | Registered Investment Co. | | 499,872 |
| | iShares S&P North America Natural Resources | Registered Investment Co. | | 1,435,848 |
| | iShares TR GS Corp BD FD ETF | Registered Investment Co. | | 1,472,064 |
| | iShares TR Russell 1000 ETF | Registered Investment Co. | | |
| | iShares TR Russell 2000 ETF | Registered Investment Co. | | |
| | Janus Contrarian Fund Class T | Registered Investment Co. | | 4,775,639 |
| | Janus Global Research Fund Class T | Registered Investment Co. | | 3,026,009 |
| | Janus Overseas Fund Class T | Registered Investment Co. | | 1,982,949 |
| | JPMorgan Algerian MLP Index | Registered Investment Co. | | |

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| JPMorgan Strategic Income OPPS Fund Class | Registered Investment Co. | 2,721 |
| Keeley Small Cap Value Fund | Registered Investment Co. | |
| Leuthold Asset Allocation Fund | Registered Investment Co. | 65,225 |
| Merk Hard Currency Fund Investor | Registered Investment Co. | |
| Morley Stable Value III | Registered Investment Co. | 4,048,028 |
| PIMCO Emerging Markets Currency Fund Class | Registered Investment Co. | |
| PIMCO Total Return Institutional | Registered Investment Co. | 13,882,244 |
| Riverpark Short Term High Yield Fund | Registered Investment Co. | 2,007 |

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| Sentinel Small Company Fund Class A | Registered Investment Co. | 20,435 |
| SPDR Barclays Capital Emerging Market | Registered Investment Co. | |
| SPDR Barclays Capital High | Registered Investment Co. | 1,035,674 |
| SPDR DJ Wilshire Global Real Estate ETF | Registered Investment Co. | |
| SPDR Dow Jones REIT ETF | Registered Investment Co. | 4,201,669 |
| SPDR S&P Dividend | Registered Investment Co. | |
| SPDR S&P Global Natural Resources ETF | Registered Investment Co. | |
| * TD Bank Institutional MMDA FTCIMA | Cash Equivalent | 3,071,172 |
| The Merger Fund | Registered Investment Co. | 88,964 |
| U.S. Global Investors Global Resources | Registered Investment Co. | 2,612,983 |
| Vanguard BD Index FD INC Short Term Bond | Registered Investment Co. | 2,133,279 |
| Vanguard BD Index FD INC Total BND Market | Registered Investment Co. | 8,581,492 |
| Vanguard Dividend Appreciation ETF | Registered Investment Co. | 2,707,069 |
| Vanguard FTSE All-World Ex-U.S. ETF | Registered Investment Co. | |
| Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF | Registered Investment Co. | 1,491,560 |
| Vanguard Health Care | Registered Investment Co. | 4,127,492 |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund | Registered Investment Co. | 8,636,163 |
| Vanguard Intermediate-Term U.S. Treasury | Registered Investment Co. | 2,726 |
| Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund Signal Shares | Registered Investment Co. | 4,242,691 |
| Vanguard Short Term Treasury Admiral Shares | Registered Investment Co. | 4,254,446 |
| Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund Signal Shares | Registered Investment Co. | 6,409,014 |
| Vanguard Total International Stock ETF | Registered Investment Co. | 7,297,916 |
| Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF | Registered Investment Co. | 18,419,518 |
| Vanguard U.S. Treasury Long-Term | Registered Investment Co. | 1,023 |
| Wasatch Emerging Markets Small Cap Fund | Registered Investment Co. | 732,352 |
| * Participant Loans | Participants Loans (1) | 3,283,610 |
| | | 187,399,763 |
| | | \$ 188,381,734 |

* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and is therefore not included.

(1) Maturing 2013 to 2042 at interest rates of 3.25% to 10.25%.

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SIGNATURE

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Administrator of the BGC Partners, Inc. Deferral Plan for Employees of BGC Partners, Inc., Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. and Their Affiliates has duly caused this annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**BGC PARTNERS, INC. DEFERRAL PLAN FOR
EMPLOYEES OF BGC PARTNERS, INC.,
CANTOR FITZGERALD, L.P. AND THEIR
AFFILIATES**

By: /s/ A. Graham Sadler

Name: A. Graham Sadler
Title: Chief Financial Officer

BGC Partners, Inc.

Date: July 1, 2013

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 23.1 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm |