

BGC Partners, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2015

**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): January 21, 2015**

**BGC Partners, Inc.**

**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**0-28191, 1-35591**  
**(Commission**

**File Numbers)**  
**499 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022**

**13-4063515**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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

**ITEM 8.01.OTHER EVENTS**

On January 21, 2015, BGC Partners, Inc. ( BGC Partners or the Company ) issued a press release announcing that Institutional Shareholder Services, a leading independent proxy advisory service, has recommended that shareholders of GFI Group Inc. ( GFI ) vote against the merger agreement with CME Group Inc. at the special meeting of GFI shareholders scheduled for January 27, 2015.

A copy of the press release is attached Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

**Discussion of Forward-Looking Statements by BGC Partners**

Statements in this report regarding BGC Partners business that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Except as required by law, BGC Partners undertakes no obligation to release any revisions to any forward-looking statements. For a discussion of additional risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see BGC Partners Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including, but not limited to, the risk factors set forth in our public filings, including our most recent Form 10-K and any updates to such risk factors contained in subsequent Form 10-Q or Form 8-K filings.

**ITEM 9.01.FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                      |
|------------|---|
| 99.1       | BGC Partners, Inc. press release dated January 21, 2015 |

**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: January 21, 2015

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

*[Signature Page to Form 8-K, dated January 21, 2015, regarding a press release announcing the ISS recommendation.]*

**Exhibit List**

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