

BGC Partners, Inc.  
Form 4  
February 26, 2016

# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MERKEL STEPHEN M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BGC PARTNERS, INC., 499  
PARK AVENUE**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10022**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

**BGC Partners, Inc. [BGCP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

**12/23/2015**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

**EVP, General Counsel and Sec'y**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/23/2015		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 650 <sup>(1)</sup>	D \$ 0 181,502	D	
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	02/24/2016		D <sup>(2)</sup>	120,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D \$ 8.4 61,502	D	
Class A Common					16,259 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By 401(k) plan

Stock, par  
value \$0.01  
per share

Class A  
Common  
Stock, par  
value \$0.01  
per share

2,250

I

By  
reporting  
person's  
spouse

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MERKEL STEPHEN M C/O BGC PARTNERS, INC. 499 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	EVP, General Counsel and Sec'y

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen M.  
Merkel 02/26/2016

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents a gift of 650 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock") of BGC Partners, Inc. (the "Company") by the reporting person to two charitable organizations.
- (2) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock which were sold by the reporting person to the Company in a transaction exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. This transaction was included in the Company's stock repurchase authorization and was approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.
- (3) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock held under the Company's 401(k) plan based on a plan statement dated as of January 31, 2016.

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