

BGC Partners, Inc.
Form 8-K
February 20, 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): February 20, 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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- .. 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 February 20, 2015, BGC Partners, Inc. (BGC Partners or the Company) issued a joint press release with GFI Group Inc. (GFI) announcing that it had entered into an agreement with GFI in which GFI and its board of directors unanimously agreed to support BGC's tender offer for all of the outstanding shares of GFI common stock at \$6.10 per share in cash.

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

| No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | BGC Partners, Inc. and GFI Group Inc. joint press release dated February 20, 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: February 20, 2015

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Form 8-K, dated February 20, 2015, regarding a joint press release announcing that the Company and GFI have entered into a tender offer support agreement.]

Exhibit List

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