

BGC Partners, Inc.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 CANTOR FITZGERALD, L. P.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BGC Partners, Inc. [BGCP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 499 PARK AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2012

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 02/14/2012 | | J(1) | 3,220,781 (1) | \$ 0 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CANTOR FITZGERALD, L. P. 499 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022 | X | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Howard W. Lutnick, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President for Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P.

02/16/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) On February 14, 2012, Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. ("CFLP") determined to distribute to its partners an aggregate of 3,220,781 shares of BGC Partners, Inc. Class A Common Stock ("Class A Common Stock") consisting of (i) an actual distribution of 1,292,678 shares of Class A Common Stock, and (ii) the deferral by certain partners of receipt of the remaining 1,928,103 shares of Class A Common Stock (the "February 2012 deferred stock distribution obligations").

(2) Does not include an aggregate of 4,477,384 shares of Class A Common Stock acquired by CFLP upon the previously reported exercise of exchange rights with respect to 4,477,384 BGC Holdings, L.P. Exchangeable Limited Partnership Interests ("Interests"), because such aggregate 4,477,384 shares of Class A Common Stock were assumed in previous reports to have been distributed in connection with CFLP's deferred stock distribution obligations provided to certain current and former partners of CFLP on April 1, 2008 (the "April 2008 deferred stock distribution obligations"). The 4,477,384 shares of Class A Common Stock was reduced by CFLP's distribution on February 14, 2012 of an aggregate of 1,791,638 shares, consisting of the 1,292,678 shares referred to in clause (i) of footnote 1 and 498,960 previously deferred shares distributed in partial satisfaction of CFLP's April 2008 deferred stock distribution obligations.

(3) CFLP previously reported that it would use 8,807,473 shares of Class A Common Stock acquired upon exchange of 9,000,000 Interests (with the remaining 192,527 shares used for previously reported gifts) to satisfy certain of CFLP's April 2008 deferred stock distribution obligations; however, CFLP used 1,292,678 shares of Class A Common Stock out of the 8,807,473 shares of Class A Common Stock to make the distribution referred to in clause (i) of footnote 1. As a result, CFLP assumes in this report that it will exchange an additional 1,292,678 Interests in the future to satisfy its April 2008 deferred stock distribution obligations; however, CFLP is under no obligation to satisfy such distribution obligations with shares receivable upon exchange by it of such Interests.

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- (4) For the purposes of this filing, CFLP assumes that in order to satisfy the distribution of the 1,928,103 February 2012 deferred stock distribution obligations, CFLP will use 1,928,103 Interests; however, CFLP is under no obligation to satisfy such February 2012 distribution obligations with shares receivable upon exchange by it of such Interests.

- (5) As of the date of this report, the aggregate number of remaining shares of Class A Common Stock subject to CFLP's April 2008 deferred stock distribution obligations was 15,545,606, which are assumed to be funded with (i) 588,119 shares of Class A Common Stock acquired by CFLP upon exercise of exchange rights with respect to 588,119 Interests on May 28, 2010, (ii) 3,889,265 shares of Class A Common Stock acquired by CFLP upon exercise of exchange rights with respect to 3,889,265 Interests on May 5, 2011, and (iii) the future exercise of exchange rights with respect to 11,068,222 Interests for 11,068,222 shares of Class A Common Stock. As of the date of this report, CFLP held an aggregate of 47,862,204 Interests.

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