BGC Partners, Inc. Form 8-K September 09, 2014

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): September 9, 2014

BGC Partners, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-28191, 1-35591 (Commission 13-4063515 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

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

Identification No.)

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(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

BGC Partners, Inc. (BGC Partners or the Company) issued a press release announcing that it intends to commence a tender offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of GFI Group, Inc.

A copy of the press release is filed as 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

99.1 BGC Partners, Inc. press release dated September 9, 2014

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: September 9, 2014 By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Form 8-K, dated September 9, 2014, press release regarding the intent to commence a tender offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of GFI Group, Inc.]

Exhibit List

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