

BGC Partners, Inc.
Form 8-K
April 17, 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): April 13, 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 3.02. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

The information set forth in Item 8.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K with respect to BGC Partners, Inc. (the Company) is incorporated by reference in response to this Item 3.02.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

The Company's \$150.0 million of 8.75% Convertible Senior Notes, due April 15, 2015, were fully converted on April 13, 2015, and as a result, 24,042,599 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, were issued to Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. The shares were issued in a transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) thereof. This issuance will have no impact on the Company's fully diluted share count for distributable earnings, because the issued shares were already included in the total. The conversion will reduce the Company's pre-tax interest expense by \$13.1 million on an annualized basis and decrease the amount of debt on its balance sheet by \$150.0 million.

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: April 17, 2015

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Form 8-K regarding issuance of Class A common stock in connection with the conversion of 8.75% Convertible Senior Notes]