

BGC Partners, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 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): January 21, 2014**

**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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. 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 January 21, 2014, BGC Partners, Inc. ( BGC Partners, BGC or the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the business of Cornish & Carey Commercial, Inc., a Northern California-based commercial real estate brokerage firm.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is 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 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's 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. These risks include those related to the possibility that the Cornish & Carey transaction, which is subject to certain customary closing conditions, does not close in a timely matter or at all.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                      |
|------------|---|
| 99.1       | BGC Partners, Inc. press release dated January 21, 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: January 21, 2014

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick

Title: Chairman and CEO

*[Signature Page to Form 8-K, dated January 21, 2014, regarding the Company's definitive agreement to acquire the assets of Cornish & Carey]*

**Exhibit List**

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1                   | Press release dated January 21, 2014 |