

BGC Partners, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2009

**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) December 14, 2009

**BGC Partners, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**0-28191**  
(Commission

File Number)

499 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022

**13-4063515**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 610-2200**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

At the BGC Partners, Inc. (the Company ) Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on December 14, 2009 the Company s Second Amended and Restated BGC Partners, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan (the Plan ) was approved by shareholders. A copy of the Plan is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Second Amended and Restated BGC Partners, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BGC Partners, Inc.

Date: December 16, 2009

By: /s/ HOWARD W. LUTNICK  
Name: **Howard W. Lutnick**  
Title: **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**