

BGC Partners, Inc.
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FORM 4

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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 *
MERKEL STEPHEN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**C/O BGC PARTNERS, INC., 499
PARK AVENUE**

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/27/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP, General Counsel and Sec'y

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
| BGC Holdings Exchangeable PSU Limited Partnership Interests | (1) | 07/27/2015 | A(1) | 8,536 | | | (1) | (1) | | | Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 8,536 |
| BGC Holdings Exchangeable PPSU Limited Partnership Interests | (2) | 07/27/2015 | A(2) | 6,983 | | | (2) | (2) | | | Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 6,983 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MERKEL STEPHEN M C/O BGC PARTNERS, INC. 499 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | | EVP, General Counsel and Sec'y | |

Signatures

/s/ Stephen M. Merkel 07/29/2015

**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) The Reporting Person was granted 8,536 exchange rights with respect to 8,536 non-exchangeable PSU limited partnership interests of BGC Holdings, L.P. ("BGC Holdings") that were originally granted to the Reporting Person in 2014. The resulting 8,536 exchangeable PSU limited partnership interests of BGC Holdings were immediately exchangeable by the Reporting Person for 8,536 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock.

(2) The Reporting Person was granted 6,983 exchange rights with respect to 6,983 non-exchangeable PPSU limited partnership interests of BGC Holdings that were originally granted to the Reporting Person in 2014. The resulting 6,983 exchangeable PPSU limited partnership interests of BGC Holdings were immediately exchangeable by the Reporting Person for 6,983 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock.

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