

COWEN GROUP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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 10, 2012**

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**COWEN GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-34516**  
(Commission File Number)

**27-0423711**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**599 Lexington Avenue**

**New York, NY 10022**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 845-7900**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 801. Other Events.**

On December 10, 2012 Cowen Group, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that Michael Singer has joined Ramius LLC, the Company s investment management subsidiary, as Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Singer will report to Peter A. Cohen, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Thomas Strauss, currently Chief Executive Officer at Ramius, will take on the role of Chairman at Ramius and Vice Chairman of the Company and will continue to serve on the Company s Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company dated December 10, 2012.

**SIGNATURES**

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

**COWEN GROUP, INC.**

Dated: December 10, 2012

By:	/s/ Owen S. Littman
Name:	Owen S. Littman
Title:	General Counsel