

MERKEL STEPHEN M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MERKEL STEPHEN M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O BGC PARTNERS, INC., 499  
PARK AVE.**  
  
(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)  
**03/13/2012**

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, Gen Counsel & Secretary**

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	03/13/2012		D <sup>(1)</sup>		35,205 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	11
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	03/13/2012		D <sup>(2)</sup>		6,318 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	2
Class A Common					9,351 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	3

Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

2,250 I By reporting person's spouse

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MERKEL STEPHEN M  
C/O BGC PARTNERS, INC.  
499 PARK AVE.  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

EVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen M. Merkel

03/15/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
  - Represents shares of BGC Partners, Inc. ("BGC Partners") Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"), sold by the reporting person to BGC Partners at a price of \$7.664 per share, which was the closing price on the date of sale less 2%.
  - (1) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock sold by certain trusts f/b/o the reporting person's immediate family, of which the reporting person's spouse is the sole trustee of each trust and the reporting person has the power to remove and replace such trustee, to BGC Partners at a price of \$7.664 per share, which was the closing price on the date of sale less 2%.
  - (2) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock held under the BGC Partners 401(k) plan based on a plan statement dated as of January 31, 2012.
  - (3)

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