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Form 4
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# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**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)
02/23/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, General Counsel and Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share | 02/23/2011 | | D | | 2,332 | D | $ 8.7475 (1) | 14,153 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share | | | | | | | | 7,526 (2) | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Class A Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share | 2,250 | I | Owned by the 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

# Reporting Owners

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

# Signatures

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|---|---|
| Stephen M. Merkel, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary | 02/24/2011 |
| **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).

**(1)** The shares were sold to BGC Partners, Inc. The sale price per share was calculated based on the five-day average closing price for a share of the Class A Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share, beginning on February 15, 2011, less 2%.

**(2)** Between June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2010, the reporting person acquired 227 shares of BGC Partners, Inc. (the "Company") Class A Common Stock under the Company's 401(k) plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of December 31, 2010.

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