

BGC Partners, Inc.
Form 8-K
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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): March 28, 2012

BGC Partners, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-28191
(Commission

File Number)

13-4063515
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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499 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 28, 2012, subsidiaries of BGC Partners, Inc. (the Company) made a further equity investment of \$16,000,000 in ELX Futures, L.P., which operates a fully electronic futures exchange, and its holding company general partner, ELX Futures Holdings LLC (together, ELX). As a result of the additional equity investment and certain related transactions, (i) the Company s voting and equity interests in ELX increased from 26.3% each to 49.0% and 56.7%, respectively, and (ii) the Company has been granted the authority to manage and conduct the day-to-day business, operations and affairs of ELX, subject to the budget approved by the supervisory board. ELX will not become a consolidated subsidiary of the Company.

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: April 3, 2012

By: /s/ Howard W. Lutnick

Name: Howard W. Lutnick

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

[Signature page to the Form 8-K dated March 28, 2012, regarding the ELX closing.]