

BGC Partners, Inc.  
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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**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/23/2015**

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

(Street)  
**NEW YORK, NY 10022**

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

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	12/23/2015		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V	650 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 0 181,502	D	
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	02/24/2016		D <sup>(2)</sup>		120,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 8.4 61,502	D	
Class A Common							16,259 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By 401(k) plan

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 Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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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 AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

EVP, General Counsel and Sec'y

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen M. Merkel

02/26/2016

\*\*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) Represents a gift of 650 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock") of BGC Partners, Inc. (the "Company") by the reporting person to two charitable organizations.
- (2) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock which were sold by the reporting person to the Company in a transaction exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. This transaction was included in the Company's stock repurchase authorization and was approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.
- (3) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock held under the Company's 401(k) plan based on a plan statement dated as of January 31, 2016.

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