

BGC Partners, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
October 16, 2009

**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) October 14, 2009**

**BGC Partners, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**0-28191**  
(Commission File Number)

**499 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**13-4063515**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

On October 14, 2009, BGC Partners, Inc. ( BGC Partners ) announced that due to scheduling conflicts, Dr. Catherine P. Koshland had informed the Board that she will not stand for re-election to the Board of Directors at the December 14, 2009 Annual Meeting and she will leave the Board effective December 14, 2009.

BGC Partners is in the process of nominating a replacement for Dr. Koshland as an independent director to be nominated for election at the Annual Meeting.

**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: October 15, 2009

By: /s/ HOWARD W. LUTNICK  
Name: **Howard W. Lutnick**  
Title: **Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer**