

COWEN GROUP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
April 13, 2015

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): **April 9, 2015**

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**COWEN GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**001-34516**  
(Commission File Number)

**27-0423711**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
  
Identification No.)

**599 Lexington Avenue**  
**New York, NY 10022**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 845-7900**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departures of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 9, 2015 the Board of Directors (the Board) of Cowen Group, Inc. (the Company) appointed Douglas A. Rediker to serve on the Company's Board as an independent director, effectively immediately. Mr. Rediker's appointment expands the Board to eight directors, six of whom are independent.

Mr. Rediker currently serves as the Executive Chairman of International Capital Strategies, a political economy consulting firm he founded in 2012. He is also a Visiting Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. From 2010 to 2012, Mr. Rediker represented the U.S. on the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). From 2011-2012, he served as the chairman and vice chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Geopolitical Risk Global Agenda Council and currently serves as a member of the WEF's Geo-economic Global Agenda Council.

On April 13, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Rediker. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company dated April 13, 2015.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**COWEN GROUP, INC.**

Dated: April 13, 2015

By:	/s/ Owen S. Littman
Name:	Owen S. Littman
Title:	General Counsel