

BGC Partners to Hold 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 16, 2009-- BGC Partners, Inc. (NASDAQ: BGCP), a leading global intermediary to the wholesale financial markets, today announced that it will host its Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, December 14, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. EST at the Company's executive offices on the 3rd floor of 499 Park Avenue in New York City.

A live audio webcast of the event will start at approximately 10:00 a.m. EST and will last no longer than an hour. The webcast will be available in the "Investor Relations" section of BGC's website at **www.bgcpartners.com**. A replay of the webcast will be available on the website within 24 hours.

Call participants also may dial in with the following information:	
U.S. Dial In #:	800-901-5247
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Participant Passcode:	38291584
Pre Registration:	No
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About BGC Partners, Inc.

BGC Partners is a leading global intermediary to the wholesale financial markets, specializing in the brokering of a broad range of financial products, including fixed income securities, interest rate swaps, foreign exchange, equities, equity derivatives, credit derivatives, commodities, futures, structured products and other instruments. Through its eSpeed and BGC Trader brands, BGC Partners uses its proprietary, built, and paid for technology to operate multiple buyer, multiple seller real-time electronic marketplaces for the world's most liquid capital markets. Through its BGCantor Market Data brand, the Company also offers globally distributed and innovative market data and

analysis products for numerous financial instruments and markets. BGC Partners' customers include many of the world's largest banks, broker-dealers, investment banks, trading firms, hedge funds, governments and investment firms. Named after B. Gerald Cantor, who co-founded the Company's predecessor, BGC Partners has 19 offices located in New York and London, as well as in Beijing (representative office), Chicago, Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Johannesburg, Moscow, Mexico City, Nyon, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo and Toronto. For more information, visit <http://www.bgcpartners.com>.

Discussion of Forward-Looking Statements by BGC Partners

Statements in this press release regarding BGC Partners' business that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" that involve risks and uncertainties. For a discussion of additional risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see BGC Partners' Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, including, but not limited to, the risk factors set forth in our public filings which we incorporate by reference, including our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, as filed with the SEC on March 16, 2009 and any updates to such risk factors contained in subsequent 10-Q filings.

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