

COWEN GROUP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
May 02, 2011

**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 27, 2011**

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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. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b)

Resignation of Edoardo Spezzotti from the Board of Directors

On April 27, 2011, Edoardo Spezzotti resigned from the Board of Directors of Cowen Group, Inc. (the Company), effective as of such date. UniCredit S.p.A., on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries, including BA Alpine Holdings, Inc., has advised the Company that it does not intend to appoint a replacement for Mr. Spezzotti and has waived its right to appoint a designee to the Board of Directors of the Company in the future.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 2, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Spezzotti's resignation from the Board of Directors of the Company. A copy of such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in this item 8.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

<b>Exhibit #</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release issued by the Company, dated May 2, 2011

**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: May 2, 2011

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