

COWEN GROUP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
May 04, 2012

**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): **May 4, 2012**

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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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On May 4, 2012, Cowen Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2012, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in Exhibit 99.1 is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

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

(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company dated May 4, 2012.

SIGNATURE

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

COWEN GROUP, INC.

Date: May 4, 2012

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