COWEN GROUP, INC. Form 8-K March 02, 2012

# 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): March 2, 2012

**COWEN GROUP, INC.** 

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**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

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

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:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 2, 2012, Cowen Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the full year and quarter ended December 31, 2011, 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 March 2, 2012.

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#### **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: March 2, 2012 By: /s/ Owen S. Littman

Name: Owen S. Littman Title: General Counsel

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