

# BGC Wins Lawsuit Challenging Purchase of Berkeley Point

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Judge Determines That Purchase Price Was Entirely Fair to Shareholders and Board Members Acted Appropriately

NEW YORK, Aug. 22, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- BGC Partners, Inc. (Nasdaq: BGCP) ("BGC"), a leading global brokerage and financial technology company, defeated a lawsuit alleging BGC overpaid to acquire Berkeley Point Capital, LLC, in a decision that comes after a five-day trial in October 2021. On Friday, Vice Chancellor Lori Will of the Delaware Court of Chancery ruled that the purchase was entirely fair and that all parties – BGC's Special Committee, Mr. Lutnick, and Cantor Fitzgerald – acted consistent with their duties to BGC's shareholders.

The Court's finding of entire fairness applies to both the price BGC paid for Berkeley Point and the process through which BGC's Special Committee negotiated with Cantor Fitzgerald to acquire the company. The Court found that "Berkeley Point was, by all accounts, a unique asset particularly appealing to BGC" and that the price negotiated by BGC's Special Committee and agreed to by Cantor Fitzgerald was at the "lower end" of a range of reasonable prices. The Court further found that the Special Committee was "independent, fully empowered, and well-functioning."

In 2018, BGC spun off its global commercial real estate services business into Newmark Group, Inc. The Berkeley Point agency lending business BGC purchased in 2017 remains a crown jewel of Newmark's capital markets platform.

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