

COWEN GROUP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2016

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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): January 27, 2016

COWEN GROUP, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation)                                       | 001-34516<br>(Commission File Number) | 27-0423711<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| 599 Lexington Avenue<br>New York, NY 10022<br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code) |                                       |   |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 845-7900                                  |                                       |   |

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)
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  - 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 8.01. Other Events.

On January 27, 2016, Cowen Group, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that the Company’s Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$14.06 per share on the Company’s 5.625% Series A Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock. The dividend is payable on February 16, 2016, to the holders of record at the close of business on February 1, 2016. A copy of the press release is attached hereto at Exhibit 99.1.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by the Company dated January 27, 2016.

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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: January 27, 2016

By: /s/ Owen S. Littman

Name: Owen S. Littman

Title: General Counsel