

STRAUSS THOMAS W
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STRAUSS THOMAS W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COWEN GROUP, INC. [COWN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O COWEN GROUP, INC., 599
LEXINGTON AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/02/2009

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
CEO/PRES. RAMIUS ALT. SOL. LLC

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10022

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	11/02/2009		A		2,874,001	A	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
						I	See Footnote <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STRAUSS THOMAS W C/O COWEN GROUP, INC. 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022		X	CEO/PRES. RAMIUS ALT. SOL. LLC	

Signatures

/s/ Thomas W. Strauss
11/02/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Upon consummation of the transactions (the "Transactions") contemplated by the Transaction Agreement and Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 3, 2009, by and among Cowen Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Cowen Group, Inc.), Cowen Group, Inc. (f/k/a LexingtonPark Parent Corp.), Lexington Merger Corp., Ramius LLC (f/k/a Park Exchange LLC) and RCG Holdings LLC (f/k/a Ramius LLC) ("RCG"), 37,536,826 shares of Class A Common Stock were issued to RCG. The Reporting Person is a member of RCG and may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in 2,874,001 shares of Class A Common Stock that were acquired by RCG in the Transactions, including 1,817,799 shares that are held by RCG and allocated to the Reporting Person in connection with his ownership interest in RCG and 1,056,202 shares that are held by RCG and allocated to an entity controlled by the Reporting Person in connection with its ownership interest in RCG.
- (2) The Reporting Person's acquisition of a pecuniary interest in these shares was pursuant to an exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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