

COWEN GROUP, INC.  
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Registration No. 333-163372

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### Amendment No. 2 to FORM S-1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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### COWEN GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**6211**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)  
**599 Lexington Avenue**  
**New York, New York 10022**  
**(212) 845-7900**

**27-0423711**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including  
area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**J. Kevin McCarthy**  
**General Counsel**  
**Cowen Group, Inc.**  
**599 Lexington Avenue**  
**New York, New York 10022**  
**(212) 845-7900**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:**

As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

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If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**Explanatory Note**

This Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-163372) of Cowen Group, Inc. is being filed solely to amend Items 13 and 16(a) of Part II thereof and to file certain exhibits thereto. This Amendment No. 2 does not modify any provisions of the Prospectus constituting Part I or Items 14, 15 or 17 of Part II of the Registration Statement. Accordingly, the Prospectus and those Items of Part II have not been included in this Amendment No. 2.

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**PART II**  
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than the underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by us in connection with the sale of Class A common stock being registered. All amounts shown are estimates, except the SEC registration fee and the FINRA filing fee.

Item	Amount to Be Paid
SEC Registration Fee	\$6,368
FINRA Filing Fee	12,000
Legal Fees and Expenses	900,000
Accounting Fees and Expenses	500,000
Printing Expenses	375,000
Miscellaneous	50,000
Total	\$1,843,368

**Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

(a)

Exhibits

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-1 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on this 14th day of December, 2009.

Cowen Group, Inc.  
By: /s/ PETER A. COHEN

Name: Peter A. Cohen  
Title: *Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement on Form S-1 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ PETER A. COHEN</u> Peter A. Cohen	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer)	December 14, 2009
<u>/s/ DAVID M. MALCOLM</u> David M. Malcolm	Director	December 14, 2009
<u>/s/ JULES B. KROLL</u> Jules B. Kroll	Director	December 14, 2009
<u>/s/ JEROME S. MARKOWITZ</u> Jerome S. Markowitz	Director	December 14, 2009
<u>/s/ JACK H. NUSBAUM</u> Jack H. Nusbaum	Director	December 14, 2009
<u>/s/ L. THOMAS RICHARDS, M.D.</u> L. Thomas Richards, M.D.	Director	December 14, 2009
<u>/s/ EDOARDO SPEZZOTTI</u> Edoardo Spezzotti	Director	December 14, 2009
<u>/s/ JOHN E. TOFFOLON, JR.</u> John E. Toffolon, Jr.	Director	December 14, 2009
<u>/s/ CHARLES W.B. WARDELL, III</u> Charles W.B. Wardell, III	Director	December 14, 2009
<u>/s/ JOSEPH R. WRIGHT</u>	Director	December 14, 2009

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Joseph R. Wright

/s/ STEPHEN A. LASOTA

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Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer  
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Stephen A. Lasota

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