

STRAUSS THOMAS W
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â STRAUSS THOMAS W</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O COWEN GROUP, INC., Â 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10022</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>11/02/2009</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>COWEN GROUP, INC. [COWN]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p>___ Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer ___ Other (give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>CEO/PRES. RAMIUS ALT. SOL. LLC</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p>___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Class A Common Stock | 2,874,001 | I | See Footnote ⁽¹⁾ |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
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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

 Date
**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) These shares represent the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in shares of Class A Common Stock held by RCG Holdings LLC (f/k/a Ramius LLC) ("RCG"), of which the Reporting Person is a member.

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Remarks:

The Reporting Person was appointed as an officer of the Issuer on November 2, 2009 in connection with the offering.

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