

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BLANKFEIN LLOYD C**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC [GS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 200 WEST STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/25/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman of the Board and CEO**

**NEW YORK, NY 10282**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 01/25/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 45,497  | A  | 11   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 01/25/2012                           |  | F(2)                           |   | 21,248  | D(2)   | \$ 107.44                                  |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 319,582                                    |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | I  |

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.01 per  
share

See  
footnote  
(3)

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)

| 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (1)  | 01/25/2012                           |  | M                              | 45,497  | (1) (1)  | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share                      | 45,497                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| BLANKFEIN LLOYD C<br>C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.<br>200 WEST STREET<br>NEW YORK,, NY 10282 | X             |           | Chairman of the Board and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Beverly L. O'Toole,  
Attorney-in-fact

01/27/2012

\*\*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).

- On January 25, 2012, shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") that were awarded in connection with compensation for years prior to 2011 were delivered to the Reporting Person without the payment of any consideration. These shares are not related to 2011 compensation.
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  - (2) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the delivery of the common stock underlying the RSUs described in footnote 1 above.
  - (3) Held through trusts, the sole trustee of which is the Reporting Person's spouse and the sole beneficiaries of which are immediate family members of the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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