

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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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)
 01/21-05:00/2016

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) ____ 10% Owner
 ____ 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
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(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Year-End Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/21-05:00/2016	A		48,467		(1)	(1)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	48,467	

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Beverly L. O'Toole, Attorney-in-fact
01/22-05:00/2016

__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) Shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying these 2015 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") will be delivered in three approximately equal installments on or about each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date, subject to other terms and conditions of the award agreement. The shares of common stock delivered pursuant to these RSUs generally cannot be sold or transferred before January 2021. These RSUs represent 50% of the Reporting Person's equity-based year-end compensation for 2015; the remainder was granted in the form of RSUs that are subject to performance conditions and accordingly, pursuant to SEC rules, are not reported on Form 4.

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