

FRIEDMAN STEPHEN
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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 *
FRIEDMAN STEPHEN

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., 85 BROAD STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/22/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10004

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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/22/2009		P	8,272 (1) (3)	A	\$ 66.1889 (1) (3)	91,572	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/22/2009		P	7,028 (2) (3)	A	\$ 67.1156 (2) (3)	98,600	D

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FRIEDMAN STEPHEN
C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.
85 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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Signatures

/s/ Roger S. Begelman,
Attorney-in-fact

01/26/2009

__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) Reflects the purchase of 8,272 shares of the Issuer's common stock by the Reporting Person at a weighted average purchase price of \$66.1889 per share, at prices ranging from \$65.69 to \$66.68 per share.
- (2) Reflects the purchase of 7,028 shares of the Issuer's common stock by the Reporting Person at a weighted average purchase price of \$67.1156 per share, at prices ranging from \$66.83 to \$67.53 per share.
- (3) The Reporting Person will provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.

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