

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC
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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)
 10/17-04:00/2012

____ 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
 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/17-04:00/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	34,909	A	\$ 78.87	1,821,217	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/17-04:00/2012		S	26,621	D	\$ 123.916 ⁽²⁾	1,794,596	D
	10/17-04:00/2012		S	7,797	D		1,786,799	D

Options
(right to buy)

Nonqualified
Stock
Options
(right to buy)

\$ 78.87 10/18-04:00/2012 M 33,927 01/02-05:00/2006 11/30-05:00/2012

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, 10/19-04:00/2012
Attorney-in-fact

**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 exercise by the Reporting Person of Stock Options granted in December 2002 and scheduled to expire in November 2012. This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the Reporting Person.
Reflects a weighted average sale price of \$123.9160 per share, at prices ranging from \$123.33 to \$124.31 per share. The Reporting Person
- (2) 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 sold at each separate price.
Reflects a weighted average sale price of \$124.6445 per share, at prices ranging from \$124.33 to \$124.85 per share. The Reporting Person
- (3) 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 sold at each separate price.
Reflects a weighted average sale price of \$125.0394 per share, at prices ranging from \$125.00 to \$125.18 per share. The Reporting Person
- (4) 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 sold at each separate price.
- (5) 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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