

GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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., 85 BROAD STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2007

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock, par value \$ 0.01 per share	12/17/2007		J ⁽¹⁾	V	71,382	A ₍₁₎	\$ 0 1,482,683	D	
Common Stock, par value \$ 0.01 per share	12/17/2007		J ⁽²⁾	V	66,533	A ₍₂₎	\$ 0 262,409	I	See footnote ⁽²⁾
	12/28/2007		G	V	2,400	D	\$ 0 1,480,283	D	

Common
Stock, par
value \$
0.01 per
share

Common
Stock, par
value \$
0.01 per
share

133,118

I

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				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
BLANKFEIN LLOYD C C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK,, NY 10004	X		Chairman of the Board and CEO	

Signatures

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

01/02/2008

__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 distribution of 71,382 shares of the Issuer's common stock from a grantor retained annuity trust to the Reporting Person. This distribution was exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-13 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act").
Reflects the distribution of 66,533 shares of the Issuer's common stock from a grantor retained annuity trust to a trust, 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. This distribution was exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-13 under the Act. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares. This grantor retained annuity trust is no longer a beneficial owner of the Issuer's common stock.
- (2) Reflects the distribution of 66,533 shares of the Issuer's common stock from a grantor retained annuity trust to a trust, 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. This distribution was exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-13 under the Act. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares. This grantor retained annuity trust is no longer a beneficial owner of the Issuer's common stock.
- (3) As trustee of grantor retained annuity trust.

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