

BLANKFEIN LLOYD C
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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., 85 BROAD STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2007

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

NEW YORK, NY 10004

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Underlying Security
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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 Number Share
Year-End Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/19/2007	A		112,675		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	112,675
DSP Base Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/19/2007	A		9,797		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	9,797
DSP Discount Restricted Stock Units	(3)	12/19/2007	A		3,266		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3,266
Year-End Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 204.16	12/19/2007	A		322,104 (4)		(4)	11/24/2017	Common Stock	322,104

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

12/21/2007

__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) These year-end Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") will convert into shares of the Issuer's Common Stock in January 2011.
- (2) These Discount Stock Program Base RSUs were purchased by the Reporting Person at the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the grant date under the Issuer's Discount Stock Program, which allows eligible employees to acquire a limited number of RSUs at an effective 25% discount. In January 2008, these RSUs convert to Common Stock that generally cannot be transferred before January 2011.
- (3) These Discount Stock Program Discount RSUs were granted at no additional cost to effect the discount described in footnote (2). These RSUs generally convert to Common Stock in January 2011.

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- The value of each Stock Option for financial reporting purposes was \$51.04. The Stock Options become exercisable in January 2011; if the Stock Options are exercised, the underlying Common Stock cannot be transferred before January 2013. The Issuer's Board of Directors approved a bonus of \$67,900,000, plus a contribution to Goldman Sachs Gives, for the Reporting Person. This bonus amount includes cash of \$26,800,000 in addition to the \$41,100,000 worth of 2007 year-end RSUs and Options described in footnotes (1) and (4) above. These year-end equity grants represent 60% of the compensation approved by the Issuer's Board for the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person was the highest paid executive officer of the Issuer for the Issuer's 2007 fiscal year.

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