

SMITH SARAH G  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SMITH SARAH G

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)  
01/13/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Principal Accounting Officer

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  
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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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2009		M		18,705	A	11 27,885
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2009		F(2)		7,777	D (2)	\$ 76.295 20,108

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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.
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>1</u>	01/13/2009		M	18,705	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	18,705

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

SMITH SARAH G  
C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.  
85 BROAD STREET  
NEW YORK,, NY 10004

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Principal Accounting Officer

## Signatures

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

01/15/2009

       \*\*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) On January 13, 2009, shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying Restricted Stock Units that were awarded in connection with compensation for years prior to 2008 were delivered to the Reporting Person without the payment of any consideration.
- (2) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the delivery of the common stock underlying the Restricted Stock Units described in footnote 1 above.

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