

SHERWOOD MICHAEL S.  
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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 \*  
SHERWOOD MICHAEL S.

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)  
Vice Chairman

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2009		M		83,012	A	11
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	01/13/2009		F(2)		34,035	D	\$ 76.295
							135,164
							I

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share							See footnote (3)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share				58,850		I	See footnote (4)

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. De Sec (In	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/13/2009		M	83,012	(1)	(1)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	83,012

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHERWOOD MICHAEL S. C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004			Vice Chairman	

## 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 fiscal 2005 compensation 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.
  - (3) Held by spouse.  
Reported for informational purposes only. Held through a trust over which the Reporting Person has no investment control and the sole trustee of which is a third-party institution. In accordance with Rule 16a-8, the Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
  - (4)

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