
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
July 21, 2011**

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

No. 001-14965
(Commission
File Number)

No. 13-4019460
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

200 West Street
New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10282
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 902-1000

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits are filed herewith in connection with (1) the filing of a prospectus supplement on July 21, 2011 to permit the sale from time to time by selling shareholders of 96,348 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (the "Company"), pursuant to the Company's automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-159143) (the "Registration Statement") and (2) the issuance of the following debt securities by the Company on July 21, 2011, pursuant to the Company's automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-154173) (the "Registration Statement"):

- \$3,600,000 Buffered Basket-Linked Notes due 2012 (Linked to a Weighted Basket Comprised of the S&P 500® Index and the MSCI EAFE Index)
- \$5,100,000 Buffered Basket-Linked Notes due 2013 (Linked to a Weighted Basket Comprised of the Russell 2000® Index and the S&P 500® Index)

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement as exhibits thereto and are filed as part of this Current Report:

- 5.1 Opinion of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.
- 5.2 Opinion of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.2).

[Letterhead of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP]

July 21, 2011

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.,
200 West Street,
New York, New York 10282.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act") of 96,348 shares (the "Securities") of voting common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), we, as your counsel, have examined such corporate records, certificates and other documents, and such questions of Delaware law, as we have considered necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion.

Upon the basis of such examination, we advise you that, in our opinion, the Securities have been validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Delaware, and we are expressing no opinion as to the effect of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

We have relied as to certain matters on information obtained from public officials, officers of the Company and other sources believed by us to be responsible. We have assumed that the certificates (if any) for the Securities will conform to the specimen thereof examined by us and will be duly countersigned by a transfer agent and duly

registered by a registrar of the Common Stock (and that, if the Securities will be issued in uncertificated form, they will be duly recorded by a transfer agent and duly registered by a registrar of the Common Stock).

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the registration statement relating to the Securities and to the reference to us under the heading "Validity of the Common Stock" in the prospectus supplement relating to the Securities. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

[Letterhead of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP]

July 21, 2011

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.,
200 West Street,
New York, New York 10282.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as counsel to The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the issuance and delivery of the debt securities identified in Annex A to this letter (the "Notes"). The Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, on October 10, 2008, a registration statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-154173) (the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act") relating to the proposed offer and sale of an unspecified principal amount of the Company's senior, unsecured debt securities, including the Notes. The Notes are being issued under an indenture, dated as of July 16, 2008 (the "Indenture"), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (the "Trustee").

In rendering this opinion, we have examined the following documents:

1. The Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company.
2. The Indenture.
3. Certificates of officers of the Company with respect to the authorization of the Notes, the determination of the terms of the Notes and related matters.
4. Specimens of the Notes.

We also have examined such questions of law as we have considered necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion. Upon the basis of such examination, we advise you that, in our

opinion, the Notes constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the Federal laws of the United States, the laws of the State of New York and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, and we are expressing no opinion as to the effect of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

In rendering the foregoing opinion, we are not passing upon, and assume no responsibility for, any disclosure in the Registration Statement or any related prospectus or other offering material regarding the Company or the Notes or their offering and sale.

We have relied as to certain matters on information obtained from public officials, officers of the Company and other sources believed by us to be responsible, and we have assumed, without independent verification, that the Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Trustee, that the Notes conform to the specimens thereof examined by us, that the Trustee's certificates of authentication of the Notes have been manually signed by one of the Trustee's authorized officers, that the Notes have been delivered against payment as contemplated in the Registration Statement and that the signatures on all documents examined by us are genuine.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

Annex A

<u>Title of Note</u>	<u>Original Principal Amount</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
Buffered Basket-Linked Notes due 2012 (Linked to a Weighted Basket Comprised of the S&P 500® Index and the MSCI EAFE Index)	\$3,600,000	July 21, 2011
Buffered Basket-Linked Notes due 2013 (Linked to a Weighted Basket Comprised of the Russell 2000® Index and the S&P 500® Index)	\$5,100,000	July 21, 2011