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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):  
October 14, 2016

**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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) Mark Schwartz, currently a Vice Chairman of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (the Registrant) and Chairman of Goldman Sachs Asia Pacific, has determined to retire, effective December 31, 2016. He will continue to be affiliated with the Registrant as a senior director.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: October 17, 2016

By: /s/ Gregory K. Palm

Name: Gregory K. Palm

Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel