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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
January 9, 2012**

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**THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**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)

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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)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - 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 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 9, 2012, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (the "Company"), the sponsor of Goldman Sachs Capital II and Goldman Sachs Capital III, issued a press release announcing that it will solicit consents from holders of Goldman Sachs Capital II's 5.793% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Normal APEX and Goldman Sachs Capital III's Floating Rate Normal APEX to certain amendments to the related trust documents in the remarketing of the junior subordinated notes of the Company underlying the 5.793% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Normal APEX and the Floating Rate Normal APEX. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

**(d) Exhibits.**

The following exhibit is filed as part of this Current Report:

99.1 Press Release of the Company issued January 9, 2012.

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: January 9, 2012

By: /s/ Kenneth L. Josselyn

Name: Kenneth L. Josselyn

Title: Assistant Secretary

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**GOLDMAN SACHS ANNOUNCES CONSENT SOLICITATIONS FOR 5.793% FIXED-TO-FLOATING RATE NORMAL APEX OF GOLDMAN SACHS CAPITAL II AND FLOATING RATE NORMAL APEX OF GOLDMAN SACHS CAPITAL III**

NEW YORK, January 9, 2012 — The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (NYSE: GS), the sponsor of Goldman Sachs Capital II and Goldman Sachs Capital III, each a statutory trust organized under Delaware law, today announced that it will solicit consents from holders of record at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on January 19, 2012, of Goldman Sachs Capital II's 5.793% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Normal APEX, liquidation amount \$1,000 per security (CUSIP No. 381427AA1; NYSE: GS/PE), and Goldman Sachs Capital III's Floating Rate Normal APEX, liquidation amount \$1,000 per security (CUSIP No. 38144QAA7; NYSE: GS/PF), to certain amendments to the related trust documents in order to provide greater flexibility in the remarketing of the junior subordinated notes of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. underlying the 5.793% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Normal APEX and the Floating Rate Normal APEX.

The consent solicitations will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on February 6, 2012, unless otherwise extended or terminated earlier. The Solicitation Agent for the consent solicitations is Goldman, Sachs & Co.

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. has filed preliminary consent solicitation statements on Schedule 14A in respect of the consent solicitations with the SEC. You may obtain these documents without charge on the SEC's internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Alternatively, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. will arrange to send you the consent solicitation materials if you request them by contacting the Solicitation Agent or the Information and Tabulation Agent at the respective telephone numbers listed below.

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You can also access the consent solicitation materials by visiting [www.gbsc-usa.com/Goldman](http://www.gbsc-usa.com/Goldman).

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