
**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):
December 21, 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:

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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.

(d) On December 21, 2016, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (the Registrant) appointed Ellen J. Kullman as an independent member of the Registrant's Board of Directors, effective December 21, 2016. Ms. Kullman has also been appointed to each of the Registrant's Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating, and Risk Committees. With the appointment of Ms. Kullman, the Registrant's Board consists of fourteen directors.

A copy of the Registrant's press release relating to this director appointment is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

99.1 Press release of the Registrant, dated December 21, 2016.

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: December 22, 2016

By: /s/ Gregory K. Palm

Name: Gregory K. Palm

Title: Executive Vice President
and General Counsel

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ELLEN KULLMAN JOINS GOLDMAN SACHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NEW YORK, December 21, 2016 — The Board of Directors of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (NYSE: GS) today announced the appointment of Ellen J. Kullman as an independent director of the firm, effective immediately. Ms. Kullman retired as Chair and CEO of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company in 2015, having served in those roles since 2009.

Ms. Kullman’s appointment expands the Board to 14 directors, 11 of whom are independent. She will be a member of each of the firm’s Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating, and Risk Committees.

“Ellen is an accomplished business leader and an experienced board member in both the public and nonprofit sectors,” said Lloyd C. Blankfein, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Goldman Sachs. “We are confident that she will add great value to our Board of Directors and that Goldman Sachs will benefit from her insights, judgment and counsel.”

In addition to serving as Chair and CEO, Ms. Kullman served in various other leadership roles during her over 25-year career at DuPont, including as President during 2008 and as an Executive Vice President between 2006 and 2008. Ms. Kullman joined DuPont in 1988.

Ms. Kullman is currently on the Boards of Dell Technologies, Amgen Inc. and United Technologies Corporation. She serves as a trustee of Northwestern University, a member of the Board of Overseers of the Tufts University School of Engineering, and a member of the Business Council and of the National Academy of Engineering. She is a graduate of Tufts University, and received an MBA from Northwestern University.

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The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. is a leading global investment banking, securities and investment management firm that provides a wide range of financial services to a substantial and diversified client base that includes corporations, financial institutions, governments and individuals. Founded in 1869, the firm is headquartered in New York and maintains offices in all major financial centers around the world.

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