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):
February 27, 2014

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))
Item 5.02  Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) On February 27, 2014, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (the Registrant) appointed Peter Oppenheimer as an independent member of the Registrant’s Board of Directors, effective March 3, 2014. Mr. Oppenheimer also has been appointed to each of the Registrant’s Audit, Compensation, Risk and Corporate Governance, Nominating and Public Responsibilities Committees. With the appointment of Mr. Oppenheimer, the Registrant’s Board consists of thirteen directors.

A copy of the Registrant’s press release relating to Mr. Oppenheimer’s appointment as director 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:

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: March 3, 2014

By: /s/ Gregory K. Palm
Name: Gregory K. Palm
Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel
PETER OPPENHEIMER JOINS GOLDMAN SACHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NEW YORK, March 3, 2014 — The Board of Directors of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (NYSE: GS) today announced the appointment of Peter Oppenheimer as an independent director of the firm, effective immediately. Mr. Oppenheimer’s appointment expands the Board to 13 directors, 10 of whom are independent directors. Mr. Oppenheimer will be a member of each of the firm’s Audit, Risk, Compensation and Corporate Governance, Nominating and Public Responsibilities committees.

“Peter’s 25 years of broad experience across important industries will add a valuable perspective to our Board of Directors,” said Lloyd C. Blankfein, Chairman and CEO. “We appreciate his willingness to serve as a director and look forward to benefiting from his judgment and counsel.”

Mr. Oppenheimer is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Apple, Inc., a designer and manufacturer of electronic devices and related software services. Before becoming Chief Financial Officer at Apple, he was Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller from 2002 to 2004, and prior to that, from 1996 to 2002, he served first as Senior Director of Finance and Controller for the Americas, then as Vice President and Controller of Worldwide Sales and later as Vice President and Corporate Controller. Before joining Apple, from 1992 to 1996 Mr. Oppenheimer was the Divisional Chief Financial Officer of Finance, MIS, Administration and Equipment Leasing Portfolio at Automatic Data Processing, Inc., a leading provider of human capital management and integrated computing solutions, and prior to that, from 1988 to 1992 he was a consultant within the Information Technology Practice at Coopers & Lybrand, LLP.

Mr. Oppenheimer is a member of the boards of the California Polytechnic State University Foundation and of the Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton, California. He is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University, and received an MBA from the University of Santa Clara.

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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 high-net-worth 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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