
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):
June 16, 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 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 June 16, 2011, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (the Registrant) announced that Debora L. Spar has been appointed a member of the Registrant's Board of Directors, effective immediately. Dr. Spar also has been appointed to each of the Registrant's Audit, Compensation, Risk and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committees. With the appointment of Dr. Spar, the Registrant's Board consists of eleven directors.

A copy of the Registrant's press release relating to Dr. Spar'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:

99.1 Press release of the Registrant, dated June 16, 2011.

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: June 17, 2011

By: /s/ Gregory K. Palm
Name: Gregory K. Palm
Title: Executive Vice President and General
Counsel

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DEBORA SPAR TO JOIN GOLDMAN SACHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LONDON, June 16, 2011 — The Board of Directors of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (NYSE: GS) today announced the election of Debora L. Spar as an independent director of the firm effective immediately. Dr. Spar’s election expands the Board to 11 directors, nine of whom are independent directors. Dr. Spar will be a member of each of the firm’s Audit, Risk, Compensation and Corporate Governance and Nominating committees.

“Debora’s valuable and independent perspective on finance and business, emerging markets and recruitment, particularly of women, will be a tremendous asset for Goldman Sachs in the years ahead,” said Lloyd C. Blankfein, Chairman and CEO of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Dr. Spar is President of Barnard College, the historic liberal arts college for women in New York City. Prior to joining Barnard in July 2008, Dr. Spar spent 17 years on the faculty of Harvard Business School. She joined Harvard in 1991, holding a number of positions including the Spangler Family Professor of Business Administration from 2005 to 2008, Director of the Division of Research and Faculty Development from 2005 to 2007, Senior Associate Dean for Recruiting from 2004 to 2005, and Chair of the Business, Government and the International Economy Unit from 1999-2004.

Her research has focused on issues of international political economy, examining how rules are established in new or emerging markets and how firms and governments together shape the evolving global economy. She is a magna cum laude graduate of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and holds a doctorate from Harvard.

Dr. Spar is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations; a member of the Board of Trustees of The Nightingale-Bamford School; and a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

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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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