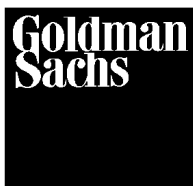


PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT NO. 15 TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS DATED 2 MARCH 2017



GOLDMAN SACHS INTERNATIONAL
(Incorporated with unlimited liability in England)

as Issuer

GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. WERTPAPIER GMBH
(Incorporated with limited liability in Germany)

as Issuer

GOLDMAN SACHS FINANCE CORP INTERNATIONAL LTD
(Incorporated with limited liability in Jersey)

as Issuer

Securities issued by Goldman Sachs International, Goldman, Sachs & Co. Wertpapier GmbH and Goldman Sachs Finance Corp International Ltd are guaranteed by

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.
(A corporation organised under the laws of the State of Delaware)

as Guarantor

**SERIES M PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
WARRANTS, NOTES AND CERTIFICATES**

This Prospectus Supplement

This prospectus supplement (the "**Prospectus Supplement**") to the base prospectus dated 2 March 2017 prepared by Goldman Sachs International ("**GSI**") as issuer, Goldman, Sachs & Co. Wertpapier GmbH ("**GSW**") as issuer, Goldman Sachs Finance Corp International Ltd ("**GSFCI**") as issuer and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG**") as guarantor in respect of Securities issued by GSI, GSW and GSFCI (the "**Original Base Prospectus**") under their programme for the issuance of warrants, notes and certificates with respect to the securities (the "**Programme**"), constitutes a supplement to the base prospectus for the purposes of Article 13 of Chapter 1 of Part II of the Luxembourg Law on Prospectuses for Securities dated 10 July 2005, as amended on 3 July 2012, 21 December 2012 and 10 May 2016 (the "**Luxembourg Law**") and should be read in conjunction therewith and with Prospectus Supplement No. 1 to the Base Prospectus dated 22 March 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 2 to the Base Prospectus dated 21 April 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 3 to the Base Prospectus dated 5 May 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 4 to the Base Prospectus dated 16 May 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 5 to the Base Prospectus dated 16 June 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 6 to the Base Prospectus, dated 5 July 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 7 to the Base Prospectus, dated 24 July 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 8 to the Base Prospectus, dated 22 August 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 9 to the Base Prospectus, dated 6 September 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 10 to the Base Prospectus, dated 25 September 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 11 to the Base Prospectus, dated 18 October 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 12 to the Base Prospectus, dated 14 November 2017, Prospectus Supplement No. 13 to the Base Prospectus, dated 28 December 2017 and Prospectus Supplement No. 14 to the Base Prospectus, dated 5 January 2018 (the Original Base Prospectus as so supplemented, the "**Base Prospectus**"). On 2 March 2017, the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (the "**CSSF**") approved the Original Base Prospectus for the purposes of Article 7 of the Luxembourg Law.

Terms defined in the Base Prospectus have the same meaning when used in this Prospectus Supplement unless otherwise defined herein. This Prospectus Supplement shall form part of and be read in conjunction with the

Base Prospectus.

Rights of withdrawal

In accordance with Article 13 paragraph 2 of the Luxembourg Law, investors who have already agreed to purchase or subscribe for the securities before this Prospectus Supplement is published have the right exercisable until 23 January 2018, which is two working days after the publication of this Prospectus Supplement, to withdraw their acceptances.

Information being supplemented

Incorporation by reference

This Prospectus Supplement supplements the Base Prospectus by incorporating by reference the Current Report on Form 8-K dated 17 January 2018 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 17 January 2018 Form 8-K**"), as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on 17 January 2018, and the report on the Regulatory Ratios of Goldman Sachs International for the fiscal quarter ended 31 December 2017 ("**GSI's Regulatory Ratios, 31 December 2017**").

Copies of GSG's 17 January 2018 Form 8-K and GSI's Regulatory Ratios, 31 December 2017 have been filed with the CSSF in its capacity as competent authority under the Prospectus Directive.

GSG's 17 January 2018 Form 8-K and GSI's Regulatory Ratios, 31 December 2017 are incorporated by reference into, and form part of, this Prospectus Supplement, and the information contained in this Prospectus Supplement, GSG's 17 January 2018 Form 8-K and GSI's Regulatory Ratios, 31 December 2017, set out in "Information incorporated by reference" below, shall be deemed to update and, where applicable, supersede any information contained in the Base Prospectus, or any documents incorporated by reference therein.

This Prospectus Supplement and the documents incorporated by reference into this Prospectus Supplement will be available on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange at www.bourse.lu.

Information incorporated by reference

GSG's 17 January 2018 Form 8-K *

<i>Item 2.02:</i>	<i>Results of Operations and Financial Condition</i>	<i>Page 3</i>
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<i>Exhibit 99.1:</i>	<i>Press release of GSG dated January 17, 2018 containing financial information for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2017.</i>	<i>Pages 5 -18 (marked as pages 1-14 of Exhibit 99.1)</i>

*The page number referenced above in relation to GSG's 17 January 2018 Form 8-K relates to the order in which the page appears in the PDF version of such document.

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Amendments to the Base Prospectus

The Base Prospectus is amended and supplemented as follows:

1. Amendments to the section entitled "Documents Incorporated by Reference"

- (a) The information in the section entitled "Documents Incorporated by Reference" of the Base Prospectus shall be supplemented by deleting paragraph 1 entitled "Goldman Sachs International" (page 105 of the Original Base Prospectus) and replacing it with the following:

"1. Goldman Sachs International

GSI files documents and information with the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the "CSSF"). The following documents, which GSI has filed with the CSSF, are hereby incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus:

- (a) The report on the Regulatory Ratios of Goldman Sachs International for the fiscal quarter ended 31 December 2017 ("**GSI's Regulatory Ratios, 31 December 2017**").
- (b) The Unaudited Quarterly Financial Report of GSI for the period ended 30 September 2017 ("**GSI's 2017 Third Quarter Financial Report**"), containing, in Part II, the Unaudited Financial Statements of GSI for the period ended 30 September 2017 ("**GSI's 2017 Third Quarter Financial Statements**").
- (c) The Unaudited Quarterly Financial Report of GSI for the period ended 30 June 2017 ("**GSI's 2017 Second Quarter Financial Report**"), containing, in Part II, the Unaudited Financial Statements of GSI for the period ended 30 June 2017 ("**GSI's 2017 Second Quarter Financial Statements**").
- (d) The Unaudited Quarterly Financial Report of GSI for the period ended 31 March 2017 ("**GSI's 2017 First Quarter Financial Report**"), containing, in Part II, the Unaudited Financial Statements of GSI for the period ended 31 March 2017 ("**GSI's 2017 First Quarter Financial Statements**").
- (e) The Annual Report for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2016 of GSI ("**GSI's 2016 Annual Report**"), containing, in Part II, the Directors' Report and Audited Financial Statements of GSI for the period ended 31 December 2016 ("**GSI's 2016 Financial Statements**").
- (f) The Unaudited Quarterly Financial Report of GSI for the period ended 30 September 2016 ("**GSI's 2016 Third Quarter Financial Report**"), containing, in Part II, the Unaudited Financial Statements of GSI for the period ended 30 September 2016 ("**GSI's 2016 Third Quarter Financial Statements**").
- (g) The Annual Report for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2015 of GSI ("**GSI's 2015 Annual Report**"), containing, in Part II, the Directors' Report and Audited Financial Statements of GSI for the period ended 31 December 2015 ("**GSI's 2015 Financial Statements**").
- (h) The Annual Report for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2014 of GSI ("**GSI's 2014 Annual Report**"), containing, in Part II, the Directors' Report and Audited Financial Statements of GSI for the period ended 31 December 2014 ("**GSI's 2014 Financial Statements**").

Cross-Reference List

GSI Information in the Financial Statements	GSI's 2017 Third Quarter Financial Report	GSI's 2017 Second Quarter Financial Report	GSI's 2017 First Quarter Financial Report	GSI's 2016 Annual Report	GSI's 2015 Annual Report
Management Report/ Strategic Report	pp. 2-23	pp. 2-24	pp. 2-22	pp. 2-48	pp. 2-48
Report of the Directors	N/A	N/A	N/A	pp. 49-50	pp. 49-50
Balance Sheet	p. 25	p.26	p. 24	p. 54	p. 54
Profit and Loss Account	p. 24	p. 25	p. 23	p. 53	p. 53
Statement of Cash Flows	p. 27	p. 28	p. 26	p. 56	p. 56
Notes to the Financial Statements	28-44	pp. 29-45	pp. 27-43	pp. 57-91	pp. 57-94
Independent Auditors' Report	N/A	N/A	N/A	pp. 51-52	pp. 51-52

Any information included in the documents incorporated by reference that is not included in the cross-reference list is considered to be not relevant for the investor or is otherwise covered elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.

Additional Information relating to "Alternative Performance Measures" (as defined in the Guidelines published by the European Securities and Markets Authority) contained in GSI's 2015 Annual Report and GSI's 2014 Annual Report is set out in the section "Important Legal Information" on pages 695 to 696 of this Base Prospectus."

- (b) The information in the section entitled "Documents Incorporated by Reference" of the Base Prospectus shall be supplemented by deleting paragraph 3 entitled "The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc." (pages 106 to 108 of the Original Base Prospectus) and replacing it with the following:

"3. The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

GSG files documents and information with the SEC. The following documents, which have previously been published and filed with the SEC, shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Base Prospectus:

- (a) The Current Report on Form 8-K dated 17 January 2018 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 17 January 2018 Form 8-K**") as filed with the SEC on 17 January 2018, including Exhibit 99.1 ("**Exhibit 99.1 to GSG's 17 January 2018 Form 8-K**") as filed with the SEC on 17 January 2018;
- (b) The Current Report on Form 8-K dated 28 December 2017 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 28 December 2017 Form 8-K**") as filed with the SEC on 28 December 2017;

- (c) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the third fiscal quarter ended 30 September 2017 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 2017 Third Quarter Form 10-Q**"), as filed with the SEC on 2 November 2017;
- (d) The Current Report on Form 8-K dated 17 October 2017 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 17 October 2017 Form 8-K**"), including Exhibit 99.1 ("**Exhibit 99.1 to GSG's 17 October 2017 Form 8-K**") as filed with the SEC on 17 October 2017;
- (e) The Current Report on Form 8-K dated 12 September 2017 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 12 September 2017 Form 8-K**"), including Exhibit 99.1 ("**Exhibit 99.1 to GSG's 12 September 2017 Form 8-K**") as filed with the SEC on 12 September 2017;
- (f) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the second fiscal quarter ended 30 June 2017 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 2017 Second Quarter Form 10-Q**"), as filed with the SEC on 3 August 2017;
- (g) The Current Report on Form 8-K dated 18 July 2017 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 18 July 2017 Form 8-K**"), including Exhibit 99.1 ("**Exhibit 99.1 to GSG's 18 July 2017 Form 8-K**") as filed with the SEC on 18 July 2017;
- (h) The Current Report on Form 8-K dated 28 June 2017 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 28 June 2017 Form 8-K**") as filed with the SEC on 28 June 2017;
- (i) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the first fiscal quarter ended 31 March 2017 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 2017 First Quarter Form 10-Q**"), as filed with the SEC on 4 May 2017;
- (j) The Current Report on Form 8-K dated 18 April 2017 of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("**GSG's 18 April 2017 Form 8-K**"), including Exhibit 99.1 ("**Exhibit 99.1 to GSG's 18 April 2017 Form 8-K**"), as filed with the SEC on 18 April 2017;
- (k) The Proxy Statement relating to the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on 28 April 2017 ("**GSG's 2017 Proxy Statement**"), as filed with the SEC on 17 March 2017;
- (l) The Proxy Statement relating to the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on 20 May 2016 ("**GSG's 2016 Proxy Statement**"), as filed with the SEC on 8 April 2016; and
- (m) The Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2016 ("**GSG's 2016 Form 10-K**"), containing financial statements relating to the fiscal years ended 31 December 2016, 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014, including Exhibit 21.1, as filed with the SEC on 27 February 2017.

The following table indicates where information required by the Prospectus Regulation is to be disclosed in, and incorporated by reference into, this Base Prospectus can be found in the documents referred to above:

Information required by the Prospectus Regulation	Document/Location
Selected financial information for the fiscal years ended 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2015 (<i>Annex IV, Section 3.1 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (p. 202)
Risk factors relating to GSG (<i>Annex IV, Section 4 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 25-44)
Information about GSG	
History and development of the company (<i>Annex IV, Section</i>	GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (p. 1)

5.1 of the Prospectus Regulation)

Investments (*Annex IV, Section 5.2 of the Prospectus Regulation*) GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 79-81, 168-169)

Business overview

GSG's principal activities (*Annex IV, Section 6.1 of the Prospectus Regulation*) GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 1-5, 115)

GSG's principal markets (*Annex IV, Section 6.2 of the Prospectus Regulation*) GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 1-7, 46, 49-50, 187-189)

Organizational Structure (*Annex IV, Section 7 of the Prospectus Regulation*) GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 35-36, Exhibit 21.1)

Trend information (*Annex IV, Section 8 of the Prospectus Regulation*) GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 47-107)

GSG's 28 June 2017 Form 8-K (p. 2)

GSG's 2017 First Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 90-145)

GSG's 2017 Second Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 92-149)

GSG's 2017 Third Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 92-149)

GSG's 12 September 2017 Form 8-K (p. 2)

Exhibit 99.1 to GSG's 17 October 2017 Form 8-K

GSG's 28 December 2017 Form 8-K (p. 2)

Administrative, management and supervisory bodies, including conflicts of interest (*Annex IV, Section 10 of the Prospectus Regulation*) GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (p. 45)

GSG's 2017 Proxy Statement (pp. 1, 5-7, 13-32, 74-76)

GSG's 2016 Proxy Statement (pp. 1, 4, 11-32, 72-74)

Audit committee (*Annex IV, Section 11.1 of the Prospectus Regulation*) GSG's 2017 Proxy Statement (pp. 23-24, 72-73)

GSG's 2016 Proxy Statement (pp. 21, 64-65)

Beneficial owners of more than five per cent. (*Annex IV, Section 12 of the Prospectus Regulation*) GSG's 2017 Proxy Statement (p. 79)

GSG's 2016 Proxy Statement (p. 77)

Financial information

Audited historical financial information for the fiscal years ended 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2015 (*Annex IV,* GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 110-200)

Section 13.1-13.4 of the Prospectus Regulation)

Audit report (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.1 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (p. 109)
Balance sheet (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.1 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (p. 112)
Income statement (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.1 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 110-111)
Cash flow statement (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.1 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (p. 114)
Accounting policies and explanatory notes (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.1 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 50-52, 115-200)
Unaudited interim and other financial information (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.5 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2017 First Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 1-89)
	GSG's 2017 Second Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 1-91)
	GSG's 2017 Third Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 1-91)
Balance sheet (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.5 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2017 First Quarter Form 10-Q (p.3)
	GSG's 2017 Second Quarter Form 10-Q (p. 3)
	GSG's 2017 Third Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 3)
Income statement (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.5 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2017 First Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 1-2)
	GSG's 2017 Second Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 1-2)
	GSG's 2017 Third Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 1-2)
	Exhibit 99.1 to GSG's 17 October 2017 Form 8-K (pp. 7-8)
	Exhibit 99.1 to the 17 January 2018 Form 8-K (pp. 9-10)
Cash flow statement (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.5 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2017 First Quarter Form 10-Q (p. 5)
	GSG's 2017 Second Quarter Form 10-Q (p. 5)
	GSG's 2017 Third Quarter Form 10-Q (pp.5)
Accounting policies and explanatory notes (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.5 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2017 First Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 6-86)
	GSG's 2017 Second Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 6-88)

	GSG's 2017 Third Quarter Form 10-Q (pp.6-88)
Legal and arbitration proceedings (<i>Annex IV, Section 13.6 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 45, 190-196)
	GSG's 2017 First Quarter Form 10-Q (p. 80-86)
	GSG's 2017 Second Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 81-88)
	GSG's 2017 Third Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 81-88)

Additional information

Share capital (<i>Annex IV, Section 14.1 of the Prospectus Regulation</i>)	GSG's 2016 Form 10-K (pp. 112, 172-174)
	GSG's 2017 First Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 4, 63-65)
	GSG's 2017 Second Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 4, 64-66)
	GSG's 2017 Third Quarter Form 10-Q (pp. 4, 64-66)

Any information incorporated by reference that is not included in the cross-reference list is considered to be additional information and is not required by the relevant schedules of the Prospectus Regulation."

2. Amendments to the section entitled "General Information"

The information in the section entitled "General Information" is amended and supplemented by deleting sub-section 5 entitled "Availability of Documents" (pages 698 to 699 of the Original Base Prospectus) and replacing it with the following:

"5. Availability of Documents

For so long as any Securities shall be outstanding or may be issued under the Programme, copies of the following documents may be obtained free of charge upon request during normal business hours from the specified office of the Issuers and the office of the Paying Agent in Luxembourg and each of the Paying Agents:

- (a) the certificate of incorporation of GSG;
- (b) the constitutional documents of GSI;
- (c) the constitutional documents of GSW;
- (d) the constitutional documents of GSFCI;
- (e) GSG's 2017 Proxy Statement;
- (f) GSG's 2016 Proxy Statement;
- (g) GSG's 2016 Form 10-K;
- (h) GSG's 17 January 2018 Form 8-K;
- (i) GSG's 28 December 2017 Form 8-K;
- (j) GSG's 17 October 2017 Form 8-K;
- (k) GSG's 12 September 2017 Form 8-K;
- (l) GSG's 18 July 2017 Form 8-K;
- (m) GSG's 28 June 2017 Form 8-K;

- (n) GSG's 18 April 2017 Form 8-K;
- (o) GSG's 2017 Third Quarter Form 10-Q;
- (p) GSG's 2017 Second Quarter Form 10-Q;
- (q) GSG's 2017 First Quarter Form 10-Q;
- (r) GSI's Regulatory Ratios, 31 December 2017;
- (s) GSI's 2017 Third Quarter Financial Report;
- (t) GSI's 2017 Second Quarter Financial Report;
- (u) GSI's 2017 First Quarter Financial Report;
- (v) GSI's 2016 Annual Report
- (w) GSI's 2015 Annual Report;
- (x) GSI's 2014 Annual Report;
- (y) GSI's 2016 Third Quarter Financial Report;
- (z) GSW's 2016 Financial Statements;
- (aa) GSW's 2015 Financial Statements;
- (bb) GSW's 2014 Financial Statements;
- (cc) GSW's 2016 Interim Financial Statements;
- (dd) GSW's 2017 Interim Financial Statements;
- (ee) GSFCI's 2017 Interim Financial Report;
- (ff) the Guaranty;
- (gg) the Programme Agency Agreement;
- (hh) the Deed of Covenant and the Cayman Deed of Covenant;
- (ii) the Final Terms for each Tranche or Series of Securities that are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange;
- (jj) a copy of the Base Prospectus;
- (kk) a copy of any supplement to the Base Prospectus and Final Terms; and
- (ll) all reports, letters and other documents, balance sheets, valuations and statements by any expert any part of which is extracted or referred to in this Base Prospectus."

Responsibility

Each of GSI, GSW, GSFCI and GSG accepts responsibility for the information given in this Prospectus Supplement and confirms that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Prospectus Supplement is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect its import.

Interpretation

To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Prospectus Supplement and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference into the Base Prospectus, the statements in (a) above will prevail.

References to the Base Prospectus shall hereafter mean the Original Base Prospectus as supplemented by this Prospectus Supplement.

U.S. notice

This Prospectus Supplement is not for use in, and may not be delivered to or inside, the United States.

The date of this Prospectus Supplement is 19 January 2018