

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT NO. 9 TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS DATED 1 MARCH 2018



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 1 March 2018 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 28 March 2018, Prospectus Supplement No. 2 to the Base Prospectus, dated 5 April 2018, Prospectus Supplement No. 3 to the Base Prospectus, dated 25 April 2018, Prospectus Supplement No. 4 to the Base Prospectus, dated 15 May 2018, Prospectus Supplement No. 5 to the Base Prospectus, dated 25 May 2018, Prospectus Supplement No. 6 to the Base Prospectus dated 27 July 2018, Prospectus Supplement No. 7 to the Base Prospectus dated 13 August 2018 and Prospectus Supplement No. 8 to the Base Prospectus dated 23 August 2018 (the Original Base Prospectus as so supplemented, the "**Base Prospectus**"). On 1 March 2018, 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 21 September 2018, which is two working days after the publication of this Prospectus Supplement, to withdraw their acceptances.

Purpose of this Prospectus Supplement

The purpose of this Prospectus Supplement is to (a) incorporate by reference GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements (as defined below) and (b) make certain changes to the information in the "Summary", "Goldman, Sachs & Co. Wertpapier GmbH" and "General Information" sections of the Base Prospectus.

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 being supplemented

Incorporation by reference

This Prospectus Supplement supplements the Base Prospectus by incorporating by reference the German language version of the unaudited half yearly financial statements and interim management report for the period ended 30 June 2018 (together with, an unofficial English translation thereof, for which GSW accepts responsibility) ("**GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements**").

A copy of GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements has been filed with the CSSF in its capacity as competent authority under the Prospectus Directive.

GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements are incorporated by reference into, and form part of, this Prospectus Supplement, and the information contained in this Prospectus Supplement and GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements, shall be deemed to update and, where applicable, supersede any information contained in the Base Prospectus, or any documents incorporated by reference therein.

Amendments to the Summary

The Summary shall be amended by virtue of this Prospectus Supplement as follows:

- (a) Element B.12 (*Selected historical key financial information of the Issuer*) (pages 4 and 5 of the Original Base Prospectus) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"B.12	Selected historical key financial information of the Issuer	[The following table shows selected key historical financial information in relation to GSI:				
			As at and for the six months ended (unaudited)		As at and for the year ended (audited)	
		<i>(in USD millions)</i>	30 June 2018	30 June 2017	31 December 2017	31 December 2016
		Operating Profit	1,694	1,150	2,389	2,280
		Profit before taxation	1,574	966	2,091	1,943
		Profit for the financial period	1,172	715	1,557	1,456
			As of (unaudited)		As of (audited)	
		<i>(in USD millions)</i>	30 June 2018		31 December 2017	31 December 2016
		Fixed Assets	270		210	140
		Current Assets	978,628		939,863	934,129
		Total shareholder's funds	33,085		31,701	27,533]
		[The following table shows selected key historical financial information in relation to GSW:				
			As at and for the six months ended (unaudited)		As at and for the year ended (audited)	
		<i>(in EUR)</i>	30 June 2018	30 June 2017	31 December 2017	31 December 2016
Operating income	471,065.94	334,016.37	931,182.98	787,784.88		
Taxation on income	-150,377.35	-106,631.67	-278,361.25	-270,600.86		
Net Income	320,688.59	227,384.70	652,821.73	517,184.02		
	As at six months ended (unaudited)		As at (audited)			
<i>(in EUR)</i>	30 June 2018		31 December 2017	31 December 2016		
Total assets	8,801,216,369.34		6,466,271,258.3	6,047,710,358.9		

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		Total capital and reserves	4,825,473.48	4,504,784.89 3,851,963.16]
		[The following table shows selected key historical financial information in relation to GSFCI:		
		<i>(in USD thousands)</i>	As at and for the year ended 31 December 2017	
		Operating profit	35,570	
		Profit for the financial period	35,570	
		<i>(in USD thousands)</i>	As at 31 December 2017	
		Current assets	45,115	
		Net assets	13,090	
		Total shareholders' funds	13,090]	
		[There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of GSI since 31 December 2017.]		
		[There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of GSW since 31 December 2017.]		
		[There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of GSFCI since 31 December 2017.]		
		[Not applicable: there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of GSI since 30 June 2018.]		
		[Not applicable: there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of GSW since 30 June 2018.]		
		[Not applicable: there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position particular to GSFCI subsequent to 31 December 2017.]"		

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 section entitled "Documents Incorporated by Reference" of the Base Prospectus shall be supplemented by deleting sub-section 2 entitled "Goldman Sachs & Co Wertpapier GmbH" (page 113 of the Original Base Prospectus) and replacing it with the following:

"2. Goldman Sachs & Co Wertpapier GmbH

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

- (a) The German language version of the unaudited half yearly financial statements and interim management report for the period ended 30 June 2018 (together with, an unofficial English translation thereof, for which GSW accepts responsibility) ("**GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements**").
- (b) The German language version of the (i) Financial Statements for the period ending 31 December 2017 and the Management Report for the Financial Year 2017 and (ii) Auditors' Report thereon (together with, in each case, an unofficial English translation thereof, for which GSW accepts responsibility) ("**GSW's 2017 Financial Statements**").
- (c) The German language version of the (i) Financial Statements for the period ending 31 December 2016 and the Management Report for the Financial Year 2016 and (ii) Auditors' Report thereon

(together with, in each case, an unofficial English translation thereof, for which GSW accepts responsibility) ("**GSW's 2016 Financial Statements**").

Cross-Reference List

GSW Information in the Financial Statements	GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements *	GSW's 2017 Financial Statements*	GSW's 2016 Financial Statements*
Balance Sheet	p. 5	p. 11	p. 11
Profit and Loss Account/Income Statement	p. 6	p. 13	p. 13
Cash Flow Statement	p. 16	p. 25	p. 25
Notes to the Financial Statements	pp. 7-14	pp. 15-21	pp. 15-21
Independent Auditors' Report	N/A	pp. 27-29	pp. 27-29
Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity	p. 15	p. 23	p. 23

* The page numbers referenced above in relation to GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements, GSW's 2017 Financial Statements and GSW's 2016 Financial Statements relate to the order in which the pages appear in the PDF version of such document.

Only the German language versions of GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements, GSW's 2017 Financial Statements and GSW's 2016 Financial Statements relating to GSW are legally binding. The page references above refer to the English language versions of GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements, GSW's 2017 Financial Statements and GSW's 2016 Financial Statements.

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 "Goldman, Sachs & Co. Wertpapier GmbH"

The information in the section entitled "Goldman, Sachs & Co. Wertpapier GmbH" shall be supplemented by:

- (a) deleting the fourth paragraph under the sub-heading "GSW Overview" (page 633 of the Original Base Prospectus) and replacing it with the following:

"During the interim period as of 30 June 2018, GSW issued a total of 148,882 securities (30 June 2017: 125,442), an increase of 18.7%. The new issues consist of share warrants, index warrants, mini future warrants, turbo warrants, FX warrants and commodity warrants as well as discount certificates, bonus certificates and other certificates and structured bonds.

GSW operates its business primarily in Germany and in the Netherlands and, to a lesser extent, also in other European countries including Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom."; and

- (b) deleting the sub-section entitled "Selected Financial Information" (pages 634 and 635 of the Original Base Prospectus) and replacing it with the following:

"Selected Financial Information

The selected financial information set out below has been extracted from (as applicable) (i) GSW's 2017 Financial Statements, which have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft ("**PwC GmbH**") and on which PwC GmbH issued an unqualified audit report, (ii) GSW's 2016 Financial Statements, which have been audited by PwC GmbH and on which PwC GmbH issued an unqualified audit report and (iii) GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements, which have not been audited.

GSW's 2016 Financial Statements, GSW's 2017 Financial Statements and GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements are incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus. The financial information presented

below should be read in conjunction with the financial statements included in such documents, the notes thereto and report thereon.

The following table shows selected key historical financial information in relation to GSW:

<i>(in EUR)</i>	As and for the six months ended (unaudited)		As at and for the year ended (audited)	
	30 June 2018	30 June 2017	31 December 2017	31 December 2016
Operating income	471,065.94	334,016.37	931,182.98	787,784.88
Taxation on income	-150,377.35	-106,631.67	-278,361.25	-270,600.86
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Total assets	8,801,216,369.34	6,466,271,258.32	6,047,710,358.96
Total capital and reserves	4,825,473.48	4,504,784.89	3,851,963.16

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3. Amendments to the section entitled "General Information"

The information in the section entitled "General Information" shall be supplemented by:

- (a) deleting sub-section 3 entitled "No significant change and no material adverse change" (page 727 of the Original Base Prospectus) and replacing it with the following:

"3. No significant change and no material adverse change

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of GSI since 30 June 2018. There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of GSI since 31 December 2017.

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of GSW since 30 June 2018. There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of GSW since 31 December 2017.

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of GSFCI since 31 December 2017. There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of GSFCI since 31 December 2017.

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of GSG since 30 June 2018. There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of GSG since 31 December 2017.

In this Base Prospectus, references to the "prospects" and "financial or trading position" of GSI, GSW, GSFCI and GSG are specifically to the respective ability of each of GSI, GSW, GSFCI and GSG to meet its full payment obligations under the Securities (in the case of each of GSI, GSW and GSFCI) or Guaranty (in the case of GSG) in a timely manner. Material information about the respective financial condition and prospects of GSI, GSW, GSFCI and GSG is included in each of GSI's, GSW's and GSG's annual and interim reports, which are incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus, and will be included in GSFCI's annual and interim reports once published and incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus."; and

- (b) deleting sub-section 5 entitled "Availability of Documents" (pages 727 to 728 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:

- (i) the constitutional documents of GSI;
- (ii) the constitutional documents of GSW;
- (iii) the constitutional documents of GSFCl;
- (iv) the certificate of incorporation of GSG;
- (v) GSI's 2018 Second Quarter Financial Report;
- (vi) GSI's 2018 First Quarter Financial Report;
- (vii) GSI's 2017 Annual Report;
- (viii) GSI's 2016 Annual Report;
- (ix) GSI's 2015 Annual Report;
- (x) GSI's Regulatory Ratios, 30 June 2018;
- (xi) GSI's Regulatory Ratios, 31 March 2018;
- (xii) GSI's Regulatory Ratios, 31 December 2017;
- (xiii) GSI's 2017 Third Quarter Financial Report;
- (xiv) GSW's 2017 Financial Statements;
- (xv) GSW's 2016 Financial Statements;
- (xvi) GSW's 2018 Interim Financial Statements
- (xvii) GSFCl's 2017 Financial Statements;
- (xviii) GSFCl's Audited Financial Information;
- (xix) GSFCl's 2017 Interim Financial Report;
- (xx) GSG's 2018 Second Quarter Form 10-Q;
- (xxi) GSG's 17 July 2018 Form 8-K;
- (xxii) GSG's 16 July 2018 Form 8-K;
- (xxiii) GSG's 2018 First Quarter Form 10-Q;
- (xxiv) GSG's 17 April 2018 Form 8-K;
- (xxv) GSG's 2018 Proxy Statement;
- (xxvi) GSG's 2017 Form 10-K;
- (xxvii) GSG's 28 December 2017 Form 8-K;
- (xxviii) GSG's 12 September 2017 Form 8-K;
- (xxix) GSG's 28 June 2017 Form 8-K;
- (xxx) GSG's 18 April 2017 Form 8-K;
- (xxxi) GSG's 2017 Proxy Statement;
- (xxxii) GSG's 20 May 2016 Form 8-K;
- (xxxiii) GSG's 2016 Proxy Statement;
- (xxxiv) the Guaranty;
- (xxxv) the Programme Agency Agreement;
- (xxxvi) the Deed of Covenant and the Cayman Deed of Covenant;
- (xxxvii) 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;
- (xxxviii) a copy of the Base Prospectus;
- (xxxix) a copy of any supplement to the Base Prospectus and Final Terms; and
- (xl) 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 September 2018