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Pricing Supplement to the [Prospectus dated April 6, 2009](#) and the [Prospectus Supplement dated April 6, 2009](#) — No. 730

\$17,500,000

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Callable Step-Up Fixed Rate Notes due 2026
Medium-Term Notes, Series D

We will pay you interest semi-annually on your notes at a rate of 5.00% per annum from and including February 28, 2011 to February 28, 2018. We will pay you interest semi-annually on your notes at a rate of 6.00% per annum from and including February 28, 2018 to February 28, 2022. We will pay you interest semi-annually on your notes at a rate of 7.00% per annum from and including February 28, 2022 to February 28, 2024. We will pay you interest semi-annually on your notes at a rate of 8.00% per annum from and including February 28, 2024 to the stated maturity date (February 28, 2026), but excluding the stated maturity date (February 28, 2026). Interest will be paid on each February 28 and August 28. The first interest payment will be made on August 28, 2011.

In addition, we may redeem the notes at our option, in whole but not in part, on each February 28, May 28, August 28, or after August 28, 2011, upon five business days' prior notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the outstanding principal plus accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption date. Although the interest rate will step up during the term of the notes, you will not benefit from such increase in the interest rate if your notes are redeemed prior to the stated maturity date.

	Per Note
Initial public offering price	100.000%
Underwriting discount	2.962%
Proceeds, before expenses, to The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	97.038%

The initial public offering price set forth above does not include accrued interest, if any. Interest on the notes will accrue from the date of issuance. Interest must be paid by the purchaser if the notes are delivered after February 28, 2011.

In addition to offers and sales at the initial public offering price, the notes may be offered and sold from time to time by

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more transactions at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to market prices or at negotiated prices.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities, nor has it passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this pricing supplement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The notes are not bank deposits and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other entity, nor are they obligations of, or guaranteed by, a bank.

Goldman Sachs may use this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in a market-making transaction in the notes after their initial sale. *Unless Goldman Sachs informs the purchaser otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are being used in a market-making transaction.*

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SPECIFIC TERMS OF THE NOTES

Please note that in this section entitled “Specific Terms of the Notes”, references to “The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.” mean only The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and do not include its consolidated subsidiaries. Also, in this section, “holders” mean The Depository Trust Company (DTC) or its nominee and not indirect owners who own beneficial interests through participants in DTC. Please review the special considerations that apply to indirect owners in the accompanying prospectus under “Legal Ownership and Book-Entry Issuance”.

This pricing supplement no. 730 dated February 23, 2011 (pricing supplement) and the accompanying prospectus dated February 23, 2011 (accompanying prospectus), relating to the notes, should be read together. Because the notes are part of a series of our debt securities, this pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus should also be read with the accompanying prospectus supplement dated April 6, 2009 (accompanying prospectus supplement). Terms used but not defined in this pricing supplement have the same meaning as in the accompanying prospectus or accompanying prospectus supplement, unless the context requires otherwise.

The notes are a separate series of our debt securities under our Medium-Term Notes, Series D program governed by the indenture dated as of July 16, 2008, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee. This pricing supplement summarizes the terms of your notes. The terms of the notes described here supplement those described in the accompanying prospectus supplement and, if the terms described here are inconsistent with those described there, the terms described here are controlling.

Terms of the Callable Step-Up Fixed Rate Notes due 2026

Issuer: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Principal amount: \$17,500,000

Specified currency: U.S. dollars (\$)

Type of Notes: Fixed rate notes (notes)

Denominations: \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereof

Trade date: February 23, 2011

Original issue date: February 28, 2011

Stated maturity date: February 28, 2026

Interest rate: 5.00% per annum from and including February 28, 2011 to and excluding February 28, 2018; 6.00% per annum from and including February 28, 2018 to and excluding February 28, 2022; 7.00% per annum from and including February 28, 2022 to and excluding February 28, 2024; 8.00% per annum from and including February 28, 2024 to and excluding February 28, 2026

Original issue discount (OID): not applicable

Interest payment dates: February 28 and August 28 of each year, commencing on August 28, 2011 and ending on the stated maturity date

Regular record dates: every February 13 and

Redemption at option of issuer before maturity: We may redeem the notes at our option, in whole or in part, on February 28, May 28, August 28 and November 28, 2011, upon five business days' prior notice, equal to 100% of the outstanding principal amount of the notes plus unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption date.

Listing: None

ERISA: as described under “Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974” on page 143 of the accompanying prospectus supplement

CUSIP no.: 38143URQ6

ISIN no.: US38143URQ66

Form of notes: Your notes will be issued in the form of a master global note. You should refer to the “Legal Ownership and Book-Entry Issuance” in the accompanying prospectus for more information about notes issued in this form.

Defeasance applies as follows:

- full defeasance — *i.e.*, our right to be released from our obligations on the note by placing funds in trust for the benefit of the holders of the notes

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Day count convention: 30/360 (ISDA)

Business day: New York

Business day convention: following unadjusted

- covenant defeasance — *i.e.*, our right to accelerate the provisions of the note by placing funds

FDIC: The notes are not bank deposits and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other federal agency, nor are they obligations of, or guaranteed by, any

Calculation Agent: Goldman, Sachs & Co.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOTES

Book-Entry System

We will issue the notes as a master global note registered in the name of DTC, or its nominee. The sale of the notes will be made through DTC. You will not be permitted to withdraw the notes from DTC except in the limited situations described in the prospectus under “Legal Ownership and Book-Entry Issuance — What Is a Global Security? — Holder’s Option to Obtain a Global Security — Situations When a Global Security Will Be Terminated”. Investors may hold interests in a master global note through organ or indirectly, in the DTC system.

When We Can Redeem the Notes

We will be permitted to redeem the notes at our option before their stated maturity, as described below. The notes will not be part of any sinking fund – that is, we will not deposit money on a regular basis into any separate custodial account to repay you. We will not be entitled to require us to buy your note from you before its stated maturity.

We will have the right to redeem the notes at our option, in whole but not in part, on each February 28, May 28, August 28, and November 28, after August 28, 2011, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the outstanding principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. We will provide not less than 5 business days’ prior notice in the manner described under “Description of the Notes — Notices” in the attached prospectus. If the redemption notice is given and funds deposited as required, then interest will be paid on the redemption date on the notes. If any redemption date is not a business day, we will pay the redemption price on the next business day, plus interest or other payment due to the delay.

What are the Tax Consequences of the Notes

You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth under “United States Taxation” in the accompanying prospectus and the accompanying prospectus. The following discussion summarizes certain of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the beneficial ownership, and disposition of each of the notes. This summary supplements the section “United States Taxation” in the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and is subject to the limitations and exceptions set forth therein.

The notes should not be treated as issued with “original issue discount” (“OID”) despite the fact that the interest rate will step-up over the term of the notes because Treasury regulations generally deem an issuer to exercise a call option in a manner that would cause the debt instrument for purposes of determining whether a debt instrument is issued with OID. The yield on the notes would be determined immediately before the increase in the interest rate on February 28, 2018. This assumption is made solely for purposes of determining whether the notes are issued with OID for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and is not an indication of our intention to call or not to call the notes prior to the first increase in the interest rate then, solely for OID purposes, the note will be deemed to be reissued on February 28, 2018. This deemed issuance should not give rise to taxable gain or loss to holders. The same analysis will be applied to any subsequent increase in the interest rates, and therefore the notes should never be treated as issued with OID for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Under this approach, the coupon on a note will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary interest income at the time it is received, in accordance with the U.S. holder’s normal method of accounting for tax purposes (regardless of whether we call the notes).

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Upon the disposition of a note by sale, exchange, redemption or retirement (i.e., if we exercise our right to call the note), a U.S. holder will generally recognize taxable gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between (i) the amount realized (other than amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid interest, which would be treated as such) and (ii) the U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in a note generally will equal the cost of the note (net of accrued interest) to the U.S. holder. U.S. holder, long-term capital gain that you recognized in taxable years beginning before January 1, 2013 is generally taxable. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to significant limitations.

Medicare Tax. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, a U.S. holder that is an individual or estate, or a special class of trusts that is exempt from such tax, will be subject to a 3.8% tax on the lesser of (1) the U.S. holder's "net investment income" for the relevant taxable year and (2) the excess of the U.S. holder's modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year over a certain threshold. In the case of individuals will be between \$125,000 and \$250,000, depending on the individual's circumstances). A holder's net investment income includes its interest income and its net gains from the disposition of notes, unless such interest payments or net gains are derived from the conduct of a trade or business (other than a trade or business that consists of certain passive or trading activities). If you are an individual, estate or trust, you are urged to consult your tax advisors regarding the applicability of the Medicare tax to your investment in the notes.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting. Please see the discussion under "United States Taxation — Taxation of U.S. Holders" in the accompanying prospectus. In addition pursuant to recently enacted legislation, U.S. Holders of the notes made to corporate U.S. Holders after December 31, 2011 may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding.

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SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and the underwriters for this offering named below have entered into a distribution agreement with The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. for the sale of the notes. Subject to certain conditions, each underwriter named below has severally agreed to purchase the principal amount of the notes set forth in the following table.

	<u>Underwriters</u>
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	
Incapital LLC	
Total	

Notes sold by the underwriters to the public will initially be offered at the initial public offering price set forth on the cover of this pricing supplement. The underwriters intend to purchase the notes from The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. at a purchase price equal to the initial public offering price, less a discount of 2.962% of the principal amount of the notes. Any notes sold by the underwriters to securities dealers may be sold at a discount of up to 2.412% of the principal amount of the notes. If all of the offered notes are not sold at the initial public offering price, the underwriters may change the offering price and the other selling terms.

We have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and the underwriters have agreed to purchase from us, the aggregate amount of the notes set forth on the front cover of this pricing supplement. In addition to offers and sales at the initial public offering price, the underwriters may offer and sell the notes at any time for sale in one or more transactions at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to market prices or at other prices.

Please note that the information about the initial public offering price and net proceeds to The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. relates only to the initial sale of the notes. If you have purchased a note in a market-making transaction by Goldman, Sachs & Co. or Incapital LLC from The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. after the initial sale, information about the price and date of sale to you will be provided in a separate communication.

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that it will not offer or sell the notes in the United States or to United States residents unless offers or sales are made by or through FINRA member broker-dealers registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. estimates that its share of the total offering expenses, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions paid to Goldman, Sachs & Co. or any other underwriter, will be approximately \$17,000.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. has been designated as the market-maker for the notes by Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Incapital LLC that they may make a market in the notes. Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Incapital LLC are not obligated to continue market-making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the notes.

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. has agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have in the past provided, and may in the future from time to time provide, general financing and banking services to The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and its affiliates, for which they have in the past received, and may in the future receive, compensation.

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customary fees. The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and its affiliates have in the past provided, and may in the future from time to time, certain services to the underwriters and their affiliates on customary terms and for customary fees.

Conflicts of Interest

Goldman, Sachs & Co. is an affiliate of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and, as such, has a “conflict of interest” in the offering under FINRA Rule 5121. Consequently, the offering is being conducted in compliance with the provisions of Rule 5121. Goldman, Sachs & Co. may be required to sell notes in this offering to an account over which it exercises discretionary authority without the prior specific written approval of the account holder.

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No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained in this pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representations. This pricing supplement is an offer to sell only the notes offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this pricing supplement is current only as of its date.

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