

Gradient Investments, LLC: Structured Note Addendum to Investment Proposal & Contract

Portfolio:	Dual Directional Buffered	CUSIP:	40058XEL4	
Description:	Buffered Index Linked Note	Underwriter:	Goldman Sachs	
Index (Indices):	S&P 500 Index			
Type of Protection:	Buffer	Level of Protection:	20%	
Callable Offering:	No	Cap:	19.30%	Participation Rate: 100%
Call Feature:	N/A	Maturity Length:	24 mos	
Coupon Rate and Frequency:	N/A	Coupon Barrier:	N/A	
Funding Deadline Date:	3/3/2026	Execution Date:	3/6/2026	
Valuation Date:	3/6/2028	Settlement Date:	3/9/2028	

1. The final cap rate or coupon rate will be determined on the execution date and will be disclosed on the final prospectus. Final rates will be at or above the stated levels and dependent on market conditions during the offering period.
2. Liquidations prior to maturity are completed at the current net asset value (NAV) and are subject to a custodial liquidation charge. This charge is currently \$1 per unit with a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$250.
3. Structured notes intra-period pricing may not correlate with the price return of the index.
4. Structured notes are subject to the credit risk of the underwriter.
5. Structured notes that use lesser performing return for multiple indices dictates that performance of the offering will be based on the index that provides the lesser of return during the pre-determined timeframe.
6. Structured notes that use dual directional structures dictate that if index performance is negative, but not below the buffer level, the return will be the absolute value (or inverse) of the index return.
7. Structured notes may use barrier or buffered levels of protection. If the value of the index is below the threshold at the observation date, the investor may participate in loss. With a buffer, the investor participates in loss 1 for 1 after the buffered level of protection. With a barrier, the investor participates in the FULL decline of the index if below the barrier level.
8. Structured notes that pay coupons may be subject to coupon barriers. If the index value is at or above the stated threshold, the coupon payment is made. If the index value is below the stated threshold, the coupon is forfeited.
9. Structured notes may be subject to a call provision. Auto callable notes are subject to mandatory call if pre-determined criteria are met. Issuer callable notes can be called at issuer discretion. Notes with call features are only callable on observation dates listed in the prospectus. If called, the position expires, and full principal is returned.
10. If demand for the offering size is not met, the offering is subject to cancellation.
11. Investments in structured products must be limited to 50% of a client's liquid net worth.
12. Structured notes that use 100% principal protection will be treated as ordinary income. Investors may be required to pay a portion of tax before maturity, even if they have not received any cash payments.

Check box if client is currently invested in a matured/called structured note and using proceeds in the current offering.

Account #	Sleeve # (if applicable)	Account Type	Account Balance to Invest	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Full	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial \$
			<input type="checkbox"/> Full	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial \$
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By signing below, the client acknowledges receipt of this structured note pre-pricing document. In addition, client acknowledges the investment outcome terms and risks involved with structured notes as spelled out in the pricing documents.

The client also acknowledges that their investment in structured notes, in aggregate, is no more than 45% of their Liquid Net Worth. Liquid Net Worth is defined as net worth minus assets that cannot be quickly and easily converted into cash, including but not limited to, real estate, business equity, personal property, automobiles, expected inheritances, assets earmarked for other purposes, and investments or accounts subject to substantial penalties, fees or charges due to early sale or withdrawal.

Accepted and agreed to as of:

Client Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

2nd Client Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

The information in this preliminary pricing supplement is not complete and may be changed. This preliminary pricing supplement is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion. Dated February 4, 2026.

GS Finance Corp.

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Buffered S&P 500® Index-Linked Notes due 2028

guaranteed by

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.



Payment at Maturity: The amount that you will be paid on your notes on the stated maturity date is based on the performance of the underlier as measured from the trade date to and including the determination date.

- If the final underlier level on the determination date is greater than or equal to the initial underlier level, the return on your notes will be positive or zero and will equal the underlier return, subject to the maximum upside settlement amount.
- If the final underlier level is *less than* the initial underlier level, but not by more than the buffer amount, the return on your notes will be positive and will equal the absolute value of the underlier return (e.g., if the underlier return is -10.00%, the return on your notes will be +10.00%).
- If the final underlier level is *less than* the initial underlier level by more than the buffer amount, the return on your notes will be negative and you will lose 1% of the face amount of your notes for every 1% that the final underlier level has declined below the buffer level. **You could lose a significant portion of the face amount of your notes.**

For example, if the underlier return is -20%, you will receive a positive return of 20% on your notes; however, if the underlier return is -21%, you will lose 1% of the value of your notes. You could receive significantly less than the face amount of your notes at maturity.

Interest: The notes do not bear interest.

The terms included in the “Key Terms” table below are expected to be as indicated, but such terms will be set on the trade date. **You should read the disclosure herein to better understand the terms and risks of your investment, including the credit risk of GS Finance Corp. and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. See page PS-5.**

Key Terms

Company (Issuer) / Guarantor:	GS Finance Corp. / The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
Aggregate face amount:	\$
Cash settlement amount:	On the stated maturity date, the company will pay, for each \$1,000 face amount of the notes, an amount in cash equal to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if the final underlier level is greater than or equal to the initial underlier level: \$1,000 + (\$1,000 × the underlier return), subject to the maximum upside settlement amount; • if the final underlier level is less than the initial underlier level, but greater than or equal to the buffer level: \$1,000 + (\$1,000 × the absolute underlier return); or • if the final underlier level is less than the buffer level: \$1,000 + (\$1,000 × the buffer rate × (the underlier return + the buffer amount))
Underlier:	the S&P 500® Index (current Bloomberg symbol: “SPX Index”)
Maximum upside settlement amount:	\$1,193
Buffer level:	80% of the initial underlier level
Buffer amount:	20%
Buffer rate:	100%
Initial underlier level:	set on the trade date and will be an intra-day level or the closing level of the underlier on the trade date
Final underlier level:	the closing level of the underlier on the determination date*
Underlier return:	(the final underlier level - the initial underlier level) ÷ the initial underlier level
Absolute underlier return:	the absolute value of the underlier return, expressed as a percentage (e.g., a -10.00% underlier return will equal a +10.00% absolute underlier return)
Calculation agent:	Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (“GS&Co.”)
CUSIP / ISIN:	40058XEL4 / US40058XEL47
* subject to adjustment as described in the accompanying general terms supplement	
Our estimated value of the notes on trade date / Additional amount / Additional amount end date:	\$925 to \$965 per \$1,000 face amount, which is less than the original issue price. The additional amount is \$ and the additional amount end date is . See “The Estimated Value of Your Notes At the Time the Terms of Your Notes Are Set On the Trade Date Is Less Than the Original Issue Price Of Your Notes.”

Original issue price
 100% of the face amount

Underwriting discount
 % of the face amount

Net proceeds to the issuer
 % of the face amount

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. 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 governmental agency, nor are they obligations of, or guaranteed by, a bank.

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC

Pricing Supplement No. dated , 2026.

Key Terms (continued)

Trade date: March 6, 2026

Original issue date: March 11, 2026

Determination date: March 6, 2028*

Stated maturity date: March 9, 2028*

* subject to adjustment as described in the accompanying general terms supplement

The issue price, underwriting discount and net proceeds listed above relate to the notes we sell initially. We may decide to sell additional notes after the date of this pricing supplement, at issue prices and with underwriting discounts and net proceeds that differ from the amounts set forth above. The return (whether positive or negative) on your investment in notes will depend in part on the issue price you pay for such notes.

GS Finance Corp. may use this prospectus in the initial sale of the notes. In addition, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC or any other affiliate of GS Finance Corp. may use this prospectus in a market-making transaction in a note after its initial sale. ***Unless GS Finance Corp. or its agent informs the purchaser otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus is being used in a market-making transaction.***

About Your Prospectus

The notes are part of the Medium-Term Notes, Series F program of GS Finance Corp. and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. This prospectus includes this pricing supplement and the accompanying documents listed below. This pricing supplement constitutes a supplement to the documents listed below, does not set forth all of the terms of your notes and therefore should be read in conjunction with such documents:

- General terms supplement no. 17,745 dated January 20, 2026
- Underlier supplement no. 47 dated December 23, 2025
- Prospectus supplement dated February 14, 2025
- Prospectus dated February 14, 2025

The information in this pricing supplement supersedes any conflicting information in the documents listed above. In addition, some of the terms or features described in the listed documents may not apply to your notes.

We have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained in or incorporated by reference in this pricing supplement and the accompanying documents listed above. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may provide. This pricing supplement and the accompanying documents listed above are 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 and the accompanying documents listed above is current only as of the respective dates of such documents.

We refer to the notes we are offering by this pricing supplement as the “offered notes” or the “notes”. Each of the offered notes has the terms described below. Please note that in this pricing supplement, references to “GS Finance Corp.”, “we”, “our” and “us” mean only GS Finance Corp. and do not include its subsidiaries or affiliates, references to “The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.”, our parent company, mean only The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and do not include its subsidiaries or affiliates and references to “Goldman Sachs” mean The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. together with its consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates, including us. The notes will be issued under the senior debt indenture, dated as of October 10, 2008, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 20, 2015, each among us, as issuer, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., as guarantor, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee. This indenture, as so supplemented and as further supplemented thereafter, is referred to as the “GSFC 2008 indenture” in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

The notes will be issued in book-entry form and represented by master note no. 3, dated March 22, 2021.

HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLES

The following examples are provided for purposes of illustration only. The examples should not be taken as an indication or prediction of future investment results and merely are intended to illustrate the impact that the various hypothetical underlier levels on the determination date could have on the cash settlement amount at maturity assuming all other variables remain constant and are not intended to predict the final underlier level.

The information in the following examples reflects hypothetical rates of return on the offered notes assuming that they are purchased on the original issue date at the face amount and held to the stated maturity date. If you sell your notes in a secondary market prior to the stated maturity date, your return will depend upon the market value of your notes at the time of sale, which may be affected by a number of factors that are not reflected in the examples below, such as interest rates, the volatility of the underlier, the creditworthiness of GS Finance Corp., as issuer, and the creditworthiness of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., as guarantor. The information in the examples also reflects the key terms and assumptions in the box below.

Key Terms and Assumptions	
Face amount	\$1,000
Maximum upside settlement amount	\$1,193
Buffer level	80% of the initial underlier level
Buffer rate	100%
Buffer amount	20%
Neither a market disruption event nor a non-trading day occurs on the originally scheduled determination date	
No change in or affecting any of the underlier stocks or the method by which the underlier sponsor calculates the underlier	
Notes purchased on original issue date at the face amount and held to the stated maturity date	

For these reasons, the actual performance of the underlier over the life of your notes, as well as the amount payable at maturity, may bear little relation to the hypothetical examples shown below or to the historical underlier levels shown elsewhere in this pricing supplement. Also, the hypothetical examples shown below do not take into account the effects of applicable taxes.

The levels in the left column of the table below represent hypothetical final underlier levels and are expressed as percentages of the initial underlier level. The amounts in the right column represent the hypothetical cash settlement amounts, based on the corresponding hypothetical final underlier level, and are expressed as percentages of the face amount of a note (rounded to the nearest one-thousandth of a percent). Thus, a hypothetical cash settlement amount of 100.000% means that the value of the cash payment that we would deliver for each \$1,000 of the outstanding face amount of the offered notes on the stated maturity date would equal 100.000% of the face amount of a note, based on the corresponding hypothetical final underlier level and the assumptions noted above.

Hypothetical Final Underlier Level (as Percentage of Initial Underlier Level)	Hypothetical Cash Settlement Amount (as Percentage of Face Amount)
200.000%	119.300%
173.000%	119.300%
146.000%	119.300%
119.300%	119.300%
114.000%	114.000%
110.000%	110.000%
105.000%	105.000%
100.000%	100.000%
95.000%	105.000%
90.000%	110.000%
85.000%	115.000%
80.000%	120.000%
79.999%	99.999%
60.000%	80.000%
40.000%	60.000%
20.000%	40.000%
0.000%	20.000%

As shown in the table above:

- If the final underlier level were determined to be 20.000% of the initial underlier level, the cash settlement amount that we would deliver on your notes at maturity would be 40.000% of the face amount of your notes. As a result, if you purchased your notes on the original issue date at the face amount and held them to the stated maturity date, you would lose 60.000% of your investment (if you purchased your notes at a premium to face amount you would lose a correspondingly higher percentage of your investment).
- If the final underlier level were determined to be 90.000% of the initial underlier level, the absolute underlier return would be 10.000% and the cash settlement amount that we would deliver on your notes at maturity would be 110.000% of the face amount of your notes.
- If the final underlier level were determined to be 200.000% of the initial underlier level, the cash settlement amount that we would deliver on your notes at maturity would be capped at the maximum upside settlement amount, or 119.300% of each \$1,000 face amount of your notes. As a result, if you held your notes to the stated maturity date, you would not benefit from any increase in the final underlier level over 119.300% of the initial underlier level.

SELECTED RISK FACTORS

An investment in your notes is subject to the risks summarized below. These risks, as well as other risks and considerations, are explained in more detail in the accompanying documents listed above under "About Your Prospectus". You should carefully review these risks and considerations as well as the terms of the notes described herein and in such accompanying documents. Your notes are a riskier investment than ordinary debt securities. Also, your notes are not equivalent to investing directly in the underlier stocks (i.e., the stocks comprising the underlier to which your notes are linked). You should carefully consider whether the offered notes are appropriate given your particular circumstances.

Risks Related to Structure, Valuation and Secondary Market Sales

The Estimated Value of Your Notes At the Time the Terms of Your Notes Are Set On the Trade Date (as Determined By Reference to Pricing Models Used By GS&Co.) Is Less Than the Original Issue Price Of Your Notes

The original issue price for your notes exceeds the estimated value of your notes as of the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date, as determined by reference to GS&Co.'s pricing models and taking into account our credit spreads. After the trade date, the estimated value as determined by reference to these models will be affected by changes in market conditions, the creditworthiness of GS Finance Corp., as issuer, the creditworthiness of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., as guarantor, and other relevant factors. The price at which GS&Co. would initially buy or sell your notes (if GS&Co. makes a market, which it is not obligated to do), and the value that GS&Co. will initially use for account statements and otherwise, also exceeds the estimated value of your notes as determined by reference to these models. As agreed by GS&Co. and the distribution participants, this excess (i.e., the additional amount set forth on the cover of this pricing supplement) will decline to zero on a straight line basis over the period from the date hereof through the additional amount end date set forth on the cover of this pricing supplement. Thereafter, if GS&Co. buys or sells your notes it will do so at prices that reflect the estimated value determined by reference to such pricing models at that time. The price at which GS&Co. will buy or sell your notes at any time also will reflect its then current bid and ask spread for similar sized trades of structured notes.

In estimating the value of your notes as of the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date, GS&Co.'s pricing models consider certain variables, including principally our credit spreads, interest rates (forecasted, current and historical rates), volatility, price-sensitivity analysis and the time to maturity of the notes. These pricing models are proprietary and rely in part on certain assumptions about future events, which may prove to be incorrect. As a result, the actual value you would receive if you sold your notes in the secondary market, if any, to others may differ, perhaps materially, from the estimated value of your notes determined by reference to our models due to, among other things, any differences in pricing models or assumptions used by others. See "The Market Value of Your Notes May Be Influenced by Many Unpredictable Factors" below.

The difference between the estimated value of your notes as of the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date and the original issue price is a result of certain factors, including principally the underwriting discount and commissions, the expenses incurred in creating, documenting and marketing the notes, and an estimate of the difference between the amounts we pay to GS&Co. and the amounts GS&Co. pays to us in connection with your notes. We pay to GS&Co. amounts based on what we would pay to holders of a non-structured note with a similar maturity. In return for such payment, GS&Co. pays to us the amounts we owe under your notes.

In addition to the factors discussed above, the value and quoted price of your notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted. If GS&Co. makes a market in the notes, the price quoted by GS&Co. would reflect any changes in market conditions and other relevant factors, including any deterioration in our creditworthiness or perceived creditworthiness or the creditworthiness or perceived creditworthiness of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. These changes may adversely affect the value of your notes, including the price you may receive for your notes in any market making transaction. To the extent that GS&Co. makes a market in the notes, the quoted price will reflect the estimated value determined by reference to GS&Co.'s pricing models at that time, plus or minus its then current bid and ask spread for similar sized trades of structured notes (and subject to the declining excess amount described above).

Furthermore, if you sell your notes, you will likely be charged a commission for secondary market transactions, or the price will likely reflect a dealer discount. This commission or discount will further reduce the proceeds you would receive for your notes in a secondary market sale.

There is no assurance that GS&Co. or any other party will be willing to purchase your notes at any price and, in this regard, GS&Co. is not obligated to make a market in the notes. See "Additional Risk Factors Specific to the Notes — Your Notes May Not Have an Active Trading Market" in the accompanying general terms supplement.

The Notes Are Subject to the Credit Risk of the Issuer and the Guarantor

Investors are dependent on our ability and the ability of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., as guarantor of the notes, to pay all amounts due on the notes. Therefore, investors are subject to the credit risk, and to changes in the market's view of the creditworthiness, of the issuer and the guarantor. See "Description of the Notes We May Offer — Information About Our Medium-Term Notes, Series F Program — How the Notes Rank Against Other Debt" in the accompanying prospectus supplement and "Description of Debt Securities We May Offer — Guarantee by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc." in the accompanying prospectus.

You May Lose a Substantial Portion of Your Investment

If the final underlier level is *less than* the buffer level, you will have a loss for each \$1,000 of the face amount of your notes equal to the *product* of (i) the buffer rate *times* (ii) the *sum* of the underlier return *plus* the buffer amount *times* (iii) \$1,000. Thus, you may lose a substantial portion of your investment in the notes, which would include any premium to face amount you paid when you purchased the notes.

Also, the market price of your notes prior to the stated maturity date may be significantly lower than the purchase price you pay for your notes. Consequently, if you sell your notes before the stated maturity date, you may receive far less than the amount of your investment in the notes.

Your Notes Do Not Bear Interest

You will not receive any interest payments on your notes. The overall return you earn on your notes may be less than you would have earned by investing in a non-indexed debt security of comparable maturity that bears interest at a prevailing market rate.

The Potential for the Value of Your Notes to Increase Will Be Limited

The maximum upside settlement amount will limit the cash settlement amount you may receive for each of your notes at maturity, no matter how much the level of the underlier may rise beyond the initial underlier level over the life of your notes. In addition, if the final underlier level is less than the initial underlier level but greater than or equal to the buffer level, you will receive for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes an amount in cash equal to the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) \$1,000 times (b) the absolute underlier return. You will only benefit from the absolute underlier return if the final underlier level has not declined relative to the initial underlier level by more than the buffer amount.

You Have No Shareholder Rights or Rights to Receive Any Underlier Stock

Investing in your notes will not make you a holder of any of the underlier stocks. Neither you nor any other holder or owner of your notes will have any rights with respect to the underlier stocks, including any voting rights, any rights to receive dividends or other distributions, any rights to make a claim against the underlier stocks or any other rights of a holder of the underlier stocks. Your notes will be paid in cash and you will have no right to receive delivery of any underlier stocks.

The Market Value of Your Notes May Be Influenced by Many Unpredictable Factors

When we refer to the market value of your notes, we mean the value that you could receive for your notes if you chose to sell them in the open market before the stated maturity date. A number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, will influence the market value of your notes, including:

- the level of the underlier;
- the volatility — i.e., the frequency and magnitude of changes — in the closing level of the underlier;
- the dividend rates of the underlier stocks;
- economic, financial, regulatory, political, military, public health and other events that affect stock markets generally and the underlier stocks, and which may affect the closing level of the underlier;
- interest rates and yield rates in the market;
- the time remaining until your notes mature; and
- our creditworthiness and the creditworthiness of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., whether actual or perceived, and including actual or anticipated upgrades or downgrades in our credit ratings or the credit ratings of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. or changes in other credit measures.

Without limiting the foregoing, the market value of your notes may be negatively impacted by increasing interest rates. Such adverse impact of increasing interest rates could be significantly enhanced in notes with longer-dated maturities, the market values of which are generally more sensitive to increasing interest rates.

These factors may influence the market value of your notes if you sell your notes before maturity, including the price you may receive for your notes in any market making transaction. If you sell your notes prior to maturity, you may receive less than the face amount of your notes. You cannot predict the future performance of the underlier based on its historical performance.

Risks Related to Tax

The Tax Consequences of an Investment in Your Notes Are Uncertain

The tax consequences of an investment in your notes are uncertain, both as to the timing and character of any inclusion in income in respect of your notes.

Except to the extent otherwise provided by law, GS Finance Corp. intends to continue treating the notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes in accordance with the treatment described under “Supplemental Discussion of U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences” below unless and until such time as Congress, the Treasury Department or the Internal Revenue Service determine that some other treatment is more appropriate. Please also consult your tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax and any other applicable tax consequences to you of owning your notes in your particular circumstances.

THE UNDERLIER

The S&P 500[®] Index includes a representative sample of 500 companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy and is intended to provide a performance benchmark for the large-cap U.S. equity markets.

For more details about the S&P 500[®] Index, the underlier sponsor and license agreement between the underlier sponsor and the issuer, see “The Underliers — S&P 500[®] Index” in the accompanying underlier supplement.

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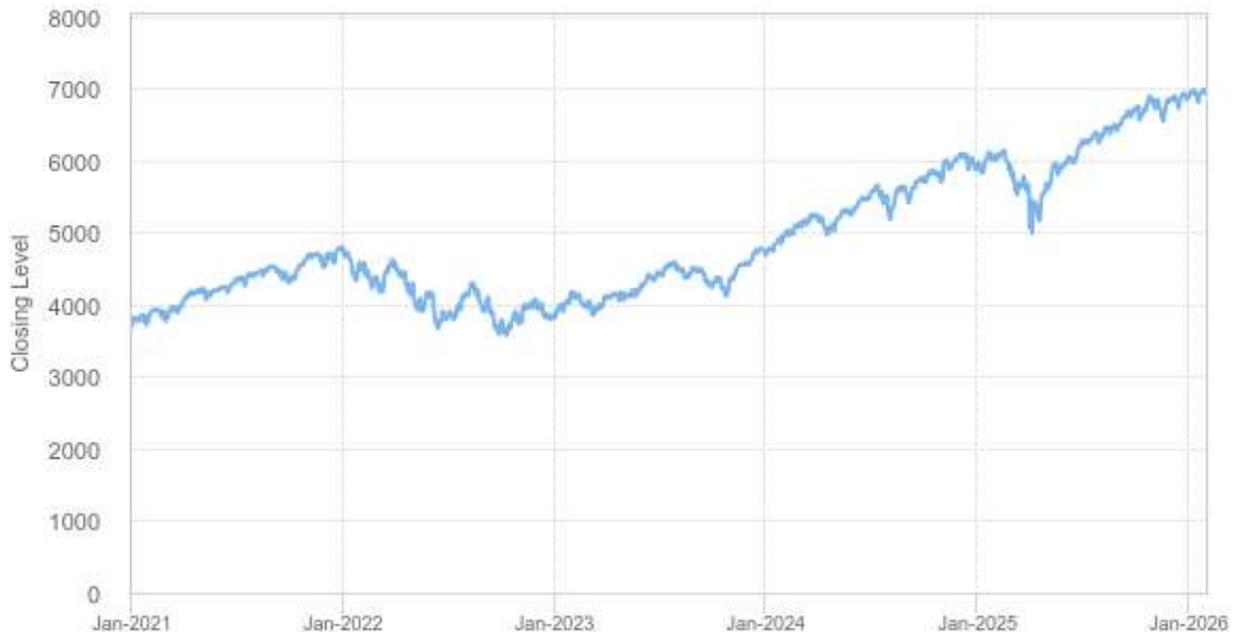
Historical Closing Levels of the Underlier

The closing level of the underlier has fluctuated in the past and may, in the future, experience significant fluctuations.

Before investing in the offered notes, you should consult publicly available information to determine the levels of the underlier between the date of this pricing supplement and the date of your purchase of the offered notes. You should not take the historical levels of the underlier as an indication of the future performance of the underlier.

The graph below shows the daily historical closing levels of the underlier from January 4, 2021 through February 2, 2026. We obtained the closing levels in the graph below from Bloomberg Financial Services, without independent verification.

Historical Performance of the S&P 500[®] Index



SUPPLEMENTAL DISCUSSION OF U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

No statutory, judicial or administrative authority directly addresses how your notes should be characterized and treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of your investment in your notes are uncertain. The following section is the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP, counsel to GS Finance Corp. and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. It is the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP that the characterization of the notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes that will be required under the terms of the notes, as discussed below, is a reasonable interpretation of current law.

You will be obligated pursuant to the terms of the notes - in the absence of a change in law, an administrative determination or a judicial ruling to the contrary - to characterize each note for all tax purposes as a pre-paid derivative contract in respect of the underlier, as described under "Supplemental Discussion of U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" in the accompanying general terms supplement. Pursuant to this approach, it is the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP that upon the sale, exchange or maturity of your notes, it would be reasonable for you to recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between the amount of cash you receive at such time and your tax basis in your notes.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, since the appropriate U.S. federal income tax characterization and treatment of your notes are uncertain, it is possible that the Internal Revenue Service could assert a different characterization and treatment than that described immediately above. In this case, the timing and character of income, gain or loss recognized with respect to your notes could substantially differ from that described above.

In addition, we have determined that, as of the issue date of the notes, the notes will not be subject to dividend equivalent withholding under section 871(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "871 withholding rules"). In certain circumstances, however, it is possible for non-United States holders to be liable for tax under the 871 withholding rules with respect to a combination of transactions entered into in connection with each other even when no withholding is required. Non-United States holders should consult their tax advisors concerning the potential application of the 871 withholding rules to an investment in the notes.

Pursuant to Treasury regulations, Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) withholding (as described in "United States Taxation—Taxation of Debt Securities—Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) Withholding" in the accompanying prospectus) will generally apply to obligations that are issued on or after July 1, 2014; therefore, the notes will generally be subject to the FATCA withholding rules.

SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION; CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

See “Supplemental Plan of Distribution” in the accompanying general terms supplement and “Plan of Distribution — Conflicts of Interest” in the accompanying prospectus.

GS Finance Corp. will sell to GS&Co., and GS&Co. will purchase from GS Finance Corp., the aggregate face amount of the offered notes specified on the front cover of this pricing supplement. GS&Co. proposes initially to offer the notes to the public at the original issue price set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement, and to certain securities dealers at such price less a concession not in excess of % of the face amount. GS&Co. is an affiliate of GS Finance Corp. and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and, as such, will have a “conflict of interest” in this offering of notes within the meaning of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA) Rule 5121. Consequently, this offering of notes will be conducted in compliance with the provisions of FINRA Rule 5121. GS&Co. will not be permitted 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. We have been advised that GS&Co. will also pay a fee to iCapital Markets LLC, a broker-dealer in which an affiliate of GS Finance Corp. holds an indirect minority equity interest, for services it is providing in connection with this offering.

We will deliver the notes against payment therefor in New York, New York on the original issue date set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in one business day, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade notes on any date prior to one business day before delivery will be required to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

We have been advised by GS&Co. that it intends to make a market in the notes. However, neither GS&Co. nor any of our other affiliates that makes a market is obligated to do so and any of them may stop doing so at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity or trading market for the notes.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or interdealer quotation system.