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GS Finance Corp.

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GS Momentum Builder® Multi-Asset 5S ER Index-Linked Notes due

guaranteed by

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

The notes will not bear interest. The amount that you will be paid on your notes on the stated maturity date (expected to be February 5, 2024) is based on the performance of the GS Momentum Builder<sup>®</sup> Multi-Asset 5S ER Index as measured from the trade date (expected to be January 31, 2019) to and including the determination date (expected to be January 31, 2024). The index measures the extent to which the performance of the selected underlying assets (up to 14 ETFs and a money market position in 3-month USD LIBOR, which provide exposure to broad-based equities, fixed income, emerging markets, alternatives, commodities, inflation, and cash equivalent asset classes) outperform the sum of the return on 3–month USD LIBOR plus 0.65% per annum (accruing daily). LIBOR is being modified, see page S-27.

The return on your notes will equal between 3.45 and 3.7 times the index return, if the final index level on the determination date is greater than the initial index level (set on the trade date). The index return will be the percentage increase or decrease in the final index level from the initial index level. If the final index level is equal to or less than the initial index level, you will receive 100% of the face amount of your notes. Because the index measures the performance of the selected underlying assets less the sum of the return on 3-month USD LIBOR plus 0.65% per annum (accruing daily), on any day such assets must outperform the return on 3-month USD LIBOR plus 0.65% per annum for the index level to increase.

The index rebalances on each index business day from among the 15 underlying assets. The daily weight used to rebalance each underlying asset on any index business day equals the average of the target weights for each underlying asset determined on such day and each of the prior 21 index business days. Target weights are determined by calculating for each day the combination of underlying assets with the highest return during three return look-back periods (9, 6 and 3 months), subject to a (a) limit of 5% on portfolio realized volatility over the related volatility look-back period (6, 3 and 1 months for the 9, 6 and 3 month return look-back periods, respectively) and (b) maximum weight for each underlying asset and each asset class.

This results in a portfolio for each of the three return look-back periods for each day. The target weight of each underlying asset will equal the average of the weights, if any, of such underlying asset in the three portfolios. As a result of this rebalancing, the index may include as few as 3 ETFs (and the money market position) and may never include some of the underlying assets or asset classes.

After the index is rebalanced on an index business day, the realized volatility for the prior month is calculated. Realized volatility is the degree of variation in the daily closing prices or levels of the aggregate of the underlying assets over the applicable volatility look-back period. If the realized volatility exceeds 6%, the index will be rebalanced again for that day by ratably reallocating a portion of the exposure to the ETFs in the index to the money market position sufficient to reduce the prior month realized volatility to 6%. As a result of such rebalancing, the index may not include any ETFs and may allocate its entire exposure to the money market position, the return on which will always be less than the sum of the return on 3-month USD LIBOR plus 0.65% per annum. Historically, a significant portion of the index has been in the money market position.

At maturity, for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes you will receive an amount in cash equal to:

if the index return is positive (the final index level is greater than the initial index level), the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) \$1,000 times (b) the participation rate (expected to be between 3.45 and 3.7) times (c) the index return; or

if the index return is zero or negative (the final index level is equal to or less than the initial index level), \$1,000. 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 S-18.

The estimated value of your notes at the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date is expected to be between \$930 and \$980 per \$1,000 face amount. For a discussion of the estimated value and the price at which Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC would initially buy or sell your notes, if it makes a market in the notes, see the following page.

Original issue date:expected to be February 5, 2019Original issue price:100% of the face amount\*Underwriting discount:% of the face amount\*Net proceeds to the issuer:% of the face amount\* The original issue price will be% for certain investors; see "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" on page S-155.

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

Prospectus Supplement No. dated , 2019.

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 prospectus 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.

#### Estimated Value of Your Notes

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 Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (GS&Co.) and taking into account our credit spreads) is expected to be between \$930 and \$980 per \$1,000 face amount, which is less than the original issue price. The value of your notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted; however, the price (not including GS&Co.'s customary bid and ask spreads) at which GS&Co. would initially buy or sell notes (if it makes a market, which it is not obligated to do) and the value that GS&Co. will initially use for account statements and otherwise is equal to approximately the estimated value of your notes at the time of pricing, plus an additional amount (initially equal to \$ per \$1,000 face amount).

Prior to , the price (not including GS&Co.'s customary bid and ask spreads) at which GS&Co. would buy or sell your notes (if it makes a market, which it is not obligated to do) will equal approximately the sum of (a) the then-current estimated value of your notes (as determined by reference to GS&Co.'s pricing models) plus (b) any remaining additional amount (the additional amount will decline to zero on a straight-line basis from the time of pricing through ). On and after , the price (not including GS&Co.'s customary bid and ask spreads) at which GS&Co. would buy or sell your notes (if it makes a market) will equal approximately the then-current estimated value of your notes (if it makes a market) will equal approximately the then-current estimated value of your notes determined by reference to such pricing models.

#### About Your Prospectus

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

#### Prospectus supplement dated July 10, 2017

#### Prospectus dated July 10, 2017

The information in this prospectus 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 refer to the notes we are offering by this prospectus supplement as the "offered notes" or the "notes". Each of the offered notes has the terms described below. Please note that in this prospectus 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 a master global note.

The following is a list of the eligible underlying assets for the index, including the related asset classes, asset class minimum and maximum weights and underlying asset minimum and maximum weights. The index is more fully described beginning on page S-40 herein.

Broad-Based Equities	0%	50%	SPDR <sup>®</sup> S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> ETF Trust	SPY	0%	20%
			iShares <sup>®</sup> MSCI EAFE ETF	EFA	0%	20%
			iShares® MSCI Japan ETF	EWJ	0%	10%
Fixed Income	0%	50%	iShares <sup>®</sup> 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF	TLT	0%	20%
			iShares <sup>®</sup> iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF	LQD	0%	20%
			iShares <sup>®</sup> iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF	HYG	0%	20%
			iShares <sup>®</sup> 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF		0%	20%
Emerging Markets	0%	20%	iShares <sup>®</sup> MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	EEM	0%	20%
Alternatives	0%	25%	iShares <sup>®</sup> U.S. Real Estate ETF	IYR	0%	20%
			iShares <sup>®</sup> U.S. Preferred Stock ETF	PFF	0%	10%
			iShares <sup>®</sup> Nasdaq Biotechnology ETF	IBB	0%	10%
Commodities	0%	25%	SPDR <sup>®</sup> S&P <sup>®</sup> Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF		0%	20%
				GLD	0%	20%
Inflation	0%	10%	iShares <sup>®</sup> TIPS Bond ETF	TIP	0%	10%
Cash Equivalent	0%	50%**	Money Market Position	N/A	0%	50%**

\* The value of a share of an eligible ETF may reflect transaction costs and fees incurred or imposed by the investment advisor of the eligible ETF as well as the costs to the ETF to buy and sell its assets. These costs and fees are not included in the calculation of the index underlying the eligible ETF. For more fee information relating to an eligible ETF, see "The Eligible Underlying Assets" on page S-65.

\*\* With respect to the money market position, the related asset class maximum weight and underlying asset maximum weight limitations do not apply after the first rebalancing on each index business day and, therefore, the index may allocate its entire exposure to the money market position.

# The below is only a brief summary of the terms of your notes. You should read the detailed description thereof in "Terms and Conditions" on page S-12 and in "Specific Terms of Your Notes" in the accompanying prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus.

#### For investors who:

seek the opportunity to achieve a return at maturity based on the performance of an index that attempts to track the positive price momentum in certain eligible underlying assets by varying exposure to those eligible underlying assets, subject to limitations on volatility and a minimum and maximum weight for each underlying asset and each asset class.

understand that the eligible underlying assets provide exposure to broad-based equities, fixed income, emerging markets, alternatives, commodities, inflation, and cash equivalent asset classes.

seek to have their principal returned after a period of 60 months.

believe the index will increase during the period from the trade date to the determination date.

are willing to receive only their principal back at maturity if the index return is less than or equal to zero.

As a result of the rebalancing among the 15 underlying assets, the index may include as few as four underlying assets (as few as three ETFs) and may not include some of the underlying assets or asset classes during the entire term of your notes. As a result of any rebalancing into the money market position to reduce the prior month realized volatility to 6%, the index may not include any ETFs and may allocate its entire exposure to the money market position, the return on which will always be less than the sum of the return on 3-month USD LIBOR plus 0.65% per annum (accruing daily). Historically, a significant portion of the index exposure has been to the money market position.

At maturity, for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes, you will receive an amount in cash equal to:

if the index return is zero or negative (the final index level is equal to or less than the initial index level), \$1,000.

if the index return is positive (the final index level is greater than the initial index level), the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) \$1,000 times (b) the upside participation rate (expected to be between 3.45 and 3.7) times (c) the index return; or

The GS Momentum Builder<sup>®</sup> Multi-Asset 5S ER Index (the index) measures the extent to which the performance of the exchange-traded funds and a money market position (together with the ETFs, the underlying assets) included in the index outperform the sum of the return on the notional interest rate, which is a rate equal to 3-month USD LIBOR, plus 0.65% per annum (accruing daily). The money market position reflects the notional returns accruing to a hypothetical investor from an investment in a money market account denominated in U.S. dollars that accrues interest at the notional interest rate. The index rebalances on each index business day from among 15 underlying assets that have been categorized in the following asset classes: broad-based equities; fixed income; emerging markets;

alternatives; commodities; inflation; and cash equivalent. The index attempts to track the positive price momentum in the underlying assets, subject to limitations on volatility and a minimum and maximum weight for each underlying asset and each asset class, each as described below.

Features of the index include:

daily rebalancing from among the 15 eligible underlying assets on each index business day (in this context, a base index rebalancing day) by calculating, for each day in the weight averaging period related to that base index rebalancing day, the combination of underlying assets that would have provided the highest historical return during three return look-back periods (nine months, six months and three months), subject to:

a limit of 5% on the degree of variation in the daily closing prices or closing level, as applicable, of the aggregate of such underlying assets over the related realized volatility look-back periods (the prior six months, three months and one month for the nine-month, six-month and three-month return look-back periods, respectively); and a minimum and maximum weight for each underlying asset and each asset class; and

the potential for daily total return index rebalancing into the money market position, based on whether the realized volatility of the underlying assets comprising the index exceeds the volatility cap of 6% for the applicable volatility cap period (the prior one month).

Analyzing realized volatility over three volatility look-back periods results in three potential portfolios of underlying assets (one for each return look-back period) for each day in the applicable weight averaging period. The weight of each underlying asset for a given day in a weight averaging period (the "target weight") will equal the average of the weights of such underlying asset in the three potential portfolios while the weight of each underlying asset for the daily base index rebalancing will equal the average of such target weights. This daily rebalancing is referred to as the base index rebalancing and the resulting portfolio of index underlying assets comprise the base index effective after the close of business on a given day. The weight averaging period for any base index rebalancing day will be the period from (but excluding) the 22nd index business day on which no index market disruption event occurs or is continuing with respect to any underlying asset prior to such day to (and including) such day.

The value of the index is calculated in U.S. dollars on each index business day by reference to the performance of the total return index value net of the sum of the return on the notional interest rate in effect at that time plus 0.65% per annum (accruing daily). Any cash dividend paid on an index ETF is deemed to be reinvested in such index ETF and subject to subsequent changes in the value of the index ETF. In addition, any interest accrued on the money market position is similarly deemed to be reinvested on a daily basis in such money market position and subject to subsequent changes in the total return index value on each index business day is calculated by reference to the weighted performance of:

the base index, which is the weighted combination of underlying assets that comprise the index at the applicable time as a result of daily base index rebalancing; and

any additional exposure to the money market position resulting from any daily total return index rebalancing. The underlying assets that comprise the base index as the result of daily base index rebalancing may include a combination of ETFs and the money market position, or solely ETFs. A daily total return index rebalancing will occur effective after the close of business on a given day if the realized volatility of the base index exceeds the volatility cap of 6% for the volatility cap period applicable to such index business day. As a result of a daily total return index rebalancing, the index will have exposure to the money market position even if the base index has no such exposure resulting from its daily base index rebalancing.

For the purpose of the index:

an "eligible underlying asset" is one of the ETFs or the money market position that is eligible for inclusion in the index on an index business day;

an "eligible ETF" is one of the ETFs that is eligible for inclusion in the index on an index business day (when we refer to an "ETF" we mean an exchange-traded fund, which for purposes of this prospectus supplement includes the following exchange traded products: SPDR<sup>®</sup> S&P 500<sup>®</sup> ETF Trust and SPDR<sup>®</sup> Gold Trust);

an "index underlying asset" is an eligible underlying asset with a non-zero weighting on any index business day; an "index ETF" is an ETF that is an eligible ETF with a non-zero weighting on any index business day; and an "index business day" is a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for its regular trading session.

Issuer:	GS Finance Corp.			
Guarantor:	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.			
Index:	GS Momentum Builder <sup>®</sup> Multi-Asset 5S ER Index (current Bloomberg symbol: "GSMBMA5S Index"), as published by the index sponsor (including any index calculation agent acting on the index sponsor's behalf); see "The Index" on page S-40. Additional information about the index, including the index methodology, which may be amended from time to time, is available at the following website: solactive.com/indexing-en/indices/complex/. We are not incorporating by reference the website or any material it includes in this prospectus supplement			
Face Amount:	\$ in the aggregate; each note will have a face amount of \$1,000			
Trade Date:	Expected to be January 31, 2019			
Settlement Date (set on the trade date):	Expected to be February 5, 2019			
Determination Date (set on the trade date):	Expected to be January 31, 2024			
Stated Maturity Date (set on the trade date):	Expected to be February 5, 2024			
Initial Index Level:	To be determined on the trade date			
Final Index Level:	The closing level of the index on the determination date			
Upside Participation Rate (set on the trade date):	Expected to be between 345% and 370%			
Index Return:	The quotient of (i) the final index level minus the initial index level divided by (ii) the initial index level, expressed as a percentage			
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The following table is provided for purposes of illustration only. It should not be taken as an indication or prediction of future investment results and is intended merely to illustrate the impact that various hypothetical closing levels of the index on the determination date could have on the payment at maturity assuming an upside participation rate of 345% and assuming all other variables remain constant. The actual performance of the index over the life of your notes, particularly on the determination date, as well as the amount payable on the stated maturity date, may bear little relation to the hypothetical examples shown below or on page S-15 or to the historical levels of the index shown elsewhere in this prospectus supplement. You should also refer to the historical index performance information and hypothetical performance data beginning on page S-51 of this prospectus supplement.

Hypothetical Final Index Level	Hypothetical Cash Settlement Amount
(as Percentage of Initial Index Level)	(as Percentage of Face Amount)
200.000%	445.000%
175.000%	358.750%
150.000%	272.500%

125.000%	186.250%
100.000%	100.000%
75.000%	100.000%
50.000%	100.000%
25.000%	100.000%
0.000%	100.000%



#### The following chart and table provide a comparison between the index (using historical information and hypothetical data, as explained below) and certain asset classes (in each case, represented by a benchmark ETF or a benchmark index, which are distinct from the asset classes in which the 15 underlying assets have been categorized for purposes of this index) from August 29, 2008 to December 28, 2018. Benchmark ETF data and benchmark index data is based on the historical levels of the benchmark ETFs and benchmark indices, respectively. The historical index information from May 16, 2016 (the index launch date) to December 28, 2018 reflects the actual performance of the index. (In the chart, this historical index information can be found to the right of the vertical solid line marker.) The hypothetical index data from August 29, 2008 to May 15, 2016 is based on the historical levels of the eligible underlying assets, using the same methodology that is used to calculate the index. Please note that the hypothetical index data is presented from August 29, 2008 to minimize assumptions about the level of the iShares<sup>®</sup> U.S. Preferred Stock ETF prior to November 29, 2007, which is the first date on which such ETF had a continuously published level. As a result, the following chart and table do not reflect the entirety of the global financial crisis, which had a severe and negative effect on certain of the benchmark ETFs, benchmark indices and eligible underlying assets and would have had a severe and negative effect on the index. Please also note that the benchmark ETFs and benchmark indices that are used to represent asset classes for purposes of the following table and chart may not be eligible underlying assets for purposes of the index and in some cases differ from the eligible underlying assets that are used to represent asset classes with the same or similar titles for purposes of the index. You should not take the historical index information, hypothetical index data or historical benchmark ETF and benchmark index data as an indication of the future performance of the index.



ARTICLE 33 - The Company shall not register any transfer of shares for the Buyer (as defined in the Regulation) or to those who come to hold the Share Control (as defined in the Regulation) while they do not execute the Statement of Consent from Controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Regulation).

ARTICLE 34 - The Company shall not register shareholders' agreements that include provisions on the exercise of Share Control while its signatories do not sign the Statement of Consent from Controlling Shareholders.

ARTICLE 35 - It is hereby established the obligation of the Controlling Shareholder or the Company to tender a public offer for acquisition of shares for cancellation of registration as a publicly-held company. The minimum price to be offered shall correspond to the Economic Value verified in the appraisal report referred in item 10.1 of the Regulation, respecting the legal and regulatory applicable rules.

ARTICLE 36 - It is hereby established the obligation:

a) of the Controlling Party to tender a public offer of acquisition of shares pertaining to the other shareholders of the Company, in case of exit of the Company of the Level 2, so that the shares of the Company are registered for negotiation outside of Level 2; and

b) of the Controlling Party to effect a public offer for acquisition of shares pertaining to the other shareholders of the Company, in case of a corporate restructuring after which the resulting company does not have its securities admitted for trading in the Level 2, within one hundred and twenty (120) days counted from the date of the general shareholders' meeting at which the transaction was approved.

1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph - In both cases, the price to be offered shall correspond, at least, to the Economic Value to be calculated as according to the provisions of Section X of the Regulation, observing legal and regulatory applicable rules.

2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph – The Controlling Shareholder is discharged from proceeding to the public offering of the shares referred to in the head paragraph of this article if the Company exits Level 2 of Corporate Governance by reason of the entry into an Agreement for listing of the Company's shares in the special segment of the BM&FBOVESPA called *Novo Mercado* ("*Novo Mercado*") or if the company surviving from a corporate reorganization obtains authorization for trading securities in the *Novo Mercado* within one hundred and twenty (120) days counted from the date of the general meeting at which the referred transaction was approved.

ARTICLE 37 - The appraisal report referred in the preceding articles 35 and 36 above shall be prepared by a specialized company or institution, with proven experience and independent from the decision-making body of the company, its senior managers and/or controlling shareholders, provided that such report shall also comprise with provisions of paragraph 1 of article 8° of Law n° 6.404/76 without prejudice of the liability set out in paragraph 6 of the same article of the Law.

1st Paragraph - The choice of the institution or specialized company responsible for the determination of the Economic Value of the Company is of exclusive competence of the General Shareholders' Meeting, as of the presentation, by the Board of Officers, of a triple list, and such deliberation shall, blank votes not being computed to that end, and being each share, irrespective of kind or class, shall carry one vote, be taken by the majority of votes, of the shareholders representative of the Shares on the Market (as defined in the Regulation) present in such shareholders' meeting, which, if installed in the first call, shall count with the presence of shareholders that represent, at least, 20% (twenty per cent) of the total Shares on the Market or, if installed on the second call, may count with the presence of any number of shareholders representative of the Shares on the Market.

2nd Paragraph - The costs for preparation of the appraisal report shall be undertaken in whole by the offering shareholder.

ARTICLE 38 – In the event there is no Controlling Shareholder, in case it is approved the exit of the Company of Level 2 of Corporate Governance segment, in order that the securities issued thereby may be listed for trading outside the Level 2 of Corporate Governance segment, or by reason of a corporate reorganization in which the company surviving from such corporate reorganization does not have its securities admitted for trading in the Level 2 of Corporate Governance segment or it the "*Novo Mercado*" segment within one hundred and twenty (120) days counted from the date of the general meeting at which the referred transaction was approved, said existing will be

conditioned on a public offering of the shares being carried out under the same conditions provided for in article 36 above.

1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph – The general meeting at which the referred transaction was approved shall define the party(ies) responsible for carrying out the public offering of shares, which, being present at the meeting, shall expressly undertake the obligation to carry out the offering.

2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph – In the absence of definition of the party(ies) responsible for carrying out the public offering of shares, in case of corporate reorganization, pursuant to the terms of the 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph above, it shall be the duty of the shareholders having voted favorably for the corporate reorganization to carry out the public offering.

ARTICLE 39 – The exit of the Company from the Level 2 of Corporate Governance segment by reason of failure to comply with the obligations provided for in the Regulation shall be conditioned on the public offering of the shares being effected, at least, for the Economic Value of the shares, to be determined in an appraisal report as mentioned in article 37 above, with due regard to the applicable legal and regulatory rules.

1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph – The Controlling Shareholder shall conduct the public offering of the shares provided for in the head paragraph of this article.

2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph – In the event there is no Controlling Shareholder and the exit from Level 2 of Corporate Governance segment referred to in the head paragraph of this article arises out of a decision made at the general meeting, the shareholders having voted favorably to the adoption of the resolution that gave rise to the respective noncompliance will conduct the public offering of the share as set forth in the head paragraph of this article.

3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph – In the event there is no Controlling Shareholder and the exit from Level 2 of Corporate Governance segment referred to in the head paragraph of this article is due to a management's act or fact, the directors of the Company shall call a general shareholders' meeting whose agenda shall be to adopt a resolution on how to remedy the noncompliance with the obligations provided for in the Regulation or, if the case may be, to decide that the Company shall exit from the Level 2 of Corporate Governance segment. 4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph – In case the general meeting mentioned in the 2<sup>d</sup> paragraph above shall decide that the Company shall exit from Level 2 of Corporate Governance segment, the referred general meeting shall define the party(ies) responsible for conducting the public offering of shares provided for in the head paragraph of this article, which, being present at the meeting, shall expressly undertake the obligation to conduct the public offering.

ARTICLE 40 - The situations not provided for in these bylaws shall be resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting and regulated according to the provisions of Law  $n^{\circ}$  6.404/76.

ARTICLE 41 - The Company, its Shareholders, its Senior Managers and the members of the Fiscal Board undertake to resolve, by means of arbitration, before the Market Arbitration Chamber, any and all dispute or controversy that may arise between them, related to or arising from, specially, the application, validity, effectiveness, interpretation, violation and its effects, of the provisions contained in the Brazilian Corporations' Law, Company's Bylaws, in the rules issued by the National Monetary Council, the Brazilian Central Bank and the Securities Commission, as well in the other rules applicable to functioning of the securities market in general, as well as those of the Regulation, of the Sanctions Regulation (as defined in the Regulation), of the Agreement for Listing in the Level 2 of Corporate Governance of the BM&FBOVESPA, and of the Arbitration Regulation (as defined in the Regulation). [Approved at the Special Shareholders' Meeting held on August 15, 2011.]

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### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 15, 2011

#### GOL LINHAS AÉREAS INTELIGENTES S.A.

By:

/S/ Leonardo Porciúncula Gomes Pereira

Name: Leonardo Porciúncula Gomes Pereira Title: Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release may contain forward-looking statements. These statements are statements that are not historical facts, and are based on management's current view and estimates offuture economic circumstances, industry conditions, company performance and financial results. The words "anticipates", "believes", "estimates", "expects", "plans" and similar expressions, as they relate to the company, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Statements regarding the declaration or payment of dividends, the implementation of principal operating and financing strategies and capital expenditure plans, the direction of future operations and the factors or trends affecting financial condition, liquidity or results of operations are examples of forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current views of management and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. There is no guarantee that the expected events, trends or results will a ctually occur. The statements are based on many assumptions and factors, including general economic and market conditions, industry conditions, and operating factors. Any changes in such assumptions or factors could cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations.