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The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Callable Fixed Rate Notes due 2020

We will pay you interest on your notes at a rate of 2.75% per annum from and including March , 2019 to but excluding the stated maturity date (April , 2020). Interest will be paid on September , 2019 and the stated maturity date.

In addition, we may redeem the notes at our option, in whole but not in part, on June , 2019, September , 2019, December , 2019 or March , 2020, upon at least five business days' prior notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the outstanding principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption date.

	Per Note	Total
Initial price to public*	%	\$
Underwriting discount*	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	\$

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The initial price to public will vary between % and 100% for certain investors; see “Supplemental Plan of Distribution” on page PS-7.

The initial price to public set forth above does not include accrued interest, if any. Interest on the notes will accrue from March , 2019 and must be paid by the purchaser if the notes are delivered after March , 2019. In addition to offers and sales at the initial price to public, the underwriters may offer the notes from time to 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 negotiated prices.

The return (whether positive or negative) on your investment in notes will depend in part on the issue price you pay for such notes.

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

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC Incapital LLC

Pricing Supplement No. dated March , 2019.

About Your Prospectus

The notes are part of the Medium-Term Notes, Series N program of 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 and should be read in conjunction with such documents:

•Prospectus supplement dated July 10, 2017

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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.

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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.”, “we”, “our” and “us” mean only The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and do not include any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. Also, in this section, references to “holders” mean The Depository Trust Company (DTC) or its nominee and not indirect owners who own beneficial interests in notes 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. [redacted] dated March [redacted], 2019 (pricing supplement) and the accompanying prospectus dated July 10, 2017 (accompanying prospectus), relating to the notes, should be read together. Because the notes are part of a series of our debt securities called Medium Term Notes, Series N, this pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus should also be read with the accompanying prospectus supplement, dated July 10, 2017 (accompanying prospectus supplement). Terms used but not defined in this pricing supplement have the meanings given them in the accompanying prospectus or accompanying prospectus supplement, unless the context requires otherwise.

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

### Terms of the Callable Fixed Rate Notes due 2020

Issuer: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Principal amount: \$ [redacted]

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

Type of Notes: Fixed rate notes (notes)

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

Trade date: March [redacted], 2019

Original issue date: March [redacted], 2019

Stated maturity date: April [redacted], 2020

Interest rate: 2.75% per annum

Supplemental discussion of U.S. federal income tax consequences: It is the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP that interest on a note will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary interest income at the time it accrues or is received in accordance with the U.S. holder’s normal method of accounting for tax purposes (regardless of whether we call the notes). Upon the disposition of a note by sale, exchange, redemption or retirement (i.e., if we exercise our right to call the notes or

otherwise) or other disposition, a U.S. holder will generally recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between (i) the amount realized on the disposition (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 the note.

Interest payment dates: September , 2019 and the stated maturity date

Regular record dates: for interest due on an interest payment date, the day immediately prior to the day on which payment is to be made (as such payment day may be adjusted under the applicable business day convention specified below)

Day count convention: 30/360 (ISDA), as further discussed under "Additional Information About the Notes — Day Count Convention" on page PS-5 of this pricing supplement

Business day: New York

Business day convention: following unadjusted

Redemption at option of issuer before stated maturity: We may redeem the notes at our option, in whole but not in part, on June , 2019, September , 2019, December , 2019 or March , 2020, upon at least five business days' prior notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the outstanding principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption date

Limited events of default: The only events of default for the notes are (i) interest or principal payment defaults that continue for 30 days and (ii) certain insolvency events. No other breach or default under our senior debt indenture or the notes will result in an event of default for the notes or permit the trustee or holders to accelerate the maturity of any debt securities – that is, they will not be entitled to declare the principal

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amount of any notes to be immediately due and payable. See “Risks Relating to Regulatory Resolution Strategies and Long-Term Debt Requirements” and “Description of Debt Securities We May Offer — Default, Remedies and Waiver of Default — Securities Issued on or After January 1, 2017 under the 2008 Indenture” in the accompanying prospectus for further details.

Listing: None

ERISA: as described under “Employee Retirement Income Security Act” on page 119 of the accompanying prospectus

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Form of notes: Your notes will be issued in book-entry form and represented by a master global note. You should read the section “Legal Ownership and Book-Entry Issuance” in the accompanying prospectus for more information about notes issued in book-entry form

Defeasance applies as follows:

Full defeasance — i.e., our right to be relieved of all our obligations on the note by placing funds in trust for the holder: yes

Covenant defeasance — i.e., our right to be relieved of specified provisions of the note by placing funds in trust for the holder: yes

FDIC: 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

Calculation Agent: Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC

Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) Withholding May Apply to Payments on Your Notes, Including as a Result of the Failure of the Bank or Broker Through Which You Hold the Notes to Provide Information to Tax Authorities:

Please see the discussion under “United States Taxation — Taxation of Debt Securities — Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) Withholding” in the accompanying prospectus for a description of the applicability of FATCA to payments made on your notes. The discussion in that section is hereby modified to reflect regulations proposed by the Treasury Department indicating its intent to eliminate the requirements under FATCA of withholding on gross proceeds from the sale, exchange, maturity or other disposition of relevant financial instruments. The Treasury Department has indicated that taxpayers may rely on these proposed regulations pending their finalization.



## 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 settle in immediately available funds through DTC. You will not be permitted to withdraw the notes from DTC except in the limited situations described in the accompanying prospectus under “Legal Ownership and Book-Entry Issuance — What Is a Global Security? — Holder’s Option to Obtain a Non-Global Security; Special Situations When a Global Security Will Be Terminated”. Investors may hold interests in a master global note through organizations that participate, directly or indirectly, in the DTC system.

In addition to this pricing supplement, the following provisions are hereby incorporated into the global master note: the description of New York business day appearing under “Description of Debt Securities We May Offer — Calculations of Interest on Debt Securities — Business Days” in the accompanying prospectus, the description of the following unadjusted business day convention appearing under “Description of Debt Securities We May Offer — Calculations of Interest on Debt Securities — Business Day Conventions” in the accompanying prospectus and the section “Description of Debt Securities We May Offer — Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance” in the accompanying prospectus.

### Day Count Convention

As further described under “Description of Debt Securities We May Offer – Calculations of Interest on Debt Securities – Interest Rates and Interest” in the accompanying prospectus, for each interest period the amount of accrued interest will be calculated by multiplying the principal amount of the note by an accrued interest factor for the interest period. The accrued interest factor will be determined by multiplying the per annum interest rate by a factor resulting from the 30/360 (ISDA) day count convention. The factor is the number of days in the interest period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\frac{[360 \times (Y2 - Y1)] + [30 \times (M2 - M1)] + (D2 - D1)}{360}$$

where:

“Y1” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the interest period falls;

“Y2” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the interest period falls;

“M1” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the interest period falls;

“M2” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the interest period falls;

“D1” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the interest period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

“D2” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the interest period, unless such number would be 31 and D1 is greater than 29, in which case D2 will be 30.



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 entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund – that is, we will not deposit money on a regular basis into any separate custodial account to repay your note. In addition, you will not be entitled to require us to buy your note from you before its stated maturity.

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We will have the right to redeem the notes at our option, in whole but not in part, on June , 2019, September , 2019, December , 2019 or March , 2020, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the outstanding principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption date. We will provide not less than five business days' prior notice in the manner described under "Description of Debt Securities We May Offer — Notices" in the attached prospectus. If the redemption notice is given and funds deposited as required, then interest will cease to accrue on and after 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 without any 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 supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The following discussion summarizes certain of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, beneficial ownership, and disposition of each of the notes. This summary supplements the section "United States Taxation" in the accompanying prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and is subject to the limitations and exceptions set forth therein.

Interest on a note will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary interest income at the time it accrues or is received in accordance with the U.S. holder's normal method of accounting for tax purposes. Upon the disposition of a note by sale, exchange, redemption or retirement (i.e., if we exercise our right to call the notes or otherwise) or other