

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>200 WEST STREET</u>  (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10282</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Benefitfocus, Inc. [ BNFT ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/24/2018</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/24/2018		s		2,500,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$33.03	3,774,735 <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

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**Explanation of Responses:**

- This statement is being filed by The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"), Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC ("Goldman Sachs"), GS Capital Partners VI Parallel, L.P. ("GS Parallel"), GS Capital Partners VI Offshore Fund, L.P. ("GS Offshore"), GS Capital Partners VI Fund, L.P. ("GS Cap Partners VI"), GS Capital Partners VI GmbH & CO. KG ("GS Germany" and, together with GS Parallel, GS Offshore and GS Cap Partners VI, the "Limited Partnerships"), GS Advisors VI, L.L.C. ("GS Advisors VI"), Goldman, Sachs Management GP GmbH ("GS GmbH"), GSCP VI Advisors, L.L.C. ("GSCP VI Advisors") and GSCP VI Offshore Advisors, L.L.C. ("GSCP VI Offshore Advisors" and, together with GS Group, Goldman Sachs, the Limited Partnerships, GS Advisors VI, GS GmbH and GSCP VI Advisors, the "Reporting Persons").
- Pursuant to an underwriting agreement, dated May 21, 2018 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), and in connection with the registered public offering of shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Benefitfocus, Inc., pursuant to the final prospectus dated May 21, 2018, which offering was consummated on May 24, 2018 (the "Offering"), the Limited Partnerships sold an aggregate of 2,500,000 shares of Common Stock, with (i) GS Parallel selling 320,899 shares of Common Stock, (ii) GS Offshore selling 970,650 shares of Common Stock, (iii) GS Cap Partners VI selling 1,166,977 shares of Common Stock, and (iv) GS Germany selling 41,474 shares of Common Stock.
- Goldman Sachs and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly, in the aggregate, the 3,742,946 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned directly by the Limited Partnerships because affiliates of Goldman Sachs and GS Group are the general partner, managing limited partner, managing general partner, managing member or member of each of the Limited Partnerships. Goldman Sachs is a subsidiary of GS Group. Goldman Sachs is the investment manager of certain of the Limited Partnerships. Goldman Sachs beneficially owns directly and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 31,789 shares of Common Stock and Goldman Sachs also had open short positions of 449 shares of Common Stock, reflecting changes due to exempt transactions.
- GS Parallel beneficially owns directly 480,442 shares of Common Stock, which may be deemed to be beneficially owned indirectly by GS Parallel's general partner, GS Advisors VI. GS Offshore beneficially owns directly 1,453,237 shares of Common Stock, which may be deemed to be beneficially owned indirectly by GS Offshore's general partner, GSCP VI Offshore Advisors. GS Cap Partners VI beneficially owns directly 1,747,172 shares of Common Stock, which may be deemed to be beneficially owned indirectly by GS Cap Partners VI's general partner, GSCP VI Advisors. GS Germany beneficially owns directly 62,095 shares of Common Stock, which may be deemed to be beneficially owned indirectly by GS Germany's general partner, GS GmbH.
- The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein, if any, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that any such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of, or has any pecuniary interest in, such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

**Remarks:**

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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