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GS Finance Corp.

\$4,047,000

Autocallable Absolute Return S&P 500[®] Index-Linked Notes due 2020

guaranteed by

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

The notes do not bear interest. Unless your notes are automatically called, the amount that you will be paid on your notes on the stated maturity date (November 9, 2020) is based on the performance of the S&P 500[®] Index as measured from and including the trade date (April 4, 2019) to and including the determination date (November 4, 2020).

Your notes will be automatically called if, on any call observation date (each trading day from but excluding the trade date to but excluding the determination date), the closing level of the index decreases by more than 20% from the initial index level of 2,879.39. If your notes are automatically called, you will receive a payment on the corresponding call payment date (the third business day after the call observation date) equal to the face amount of your notes and no other return.

If your notes are not automatically called, at maturity, for each \$1,000 face amount, you will receive (i) if the final index level is greater than the initial index level, the sum of (a) \$1,000 plus (b) the product of \$1,000 times the index return (the increase or decrease in the final index level on the determination date from the initial index level), subject to the maximum upside settlement amount of \$1,033, (ii) if the final index level is equal to or less than the initial index level, but not by more than 20%, the sum of (a) \$1,000 plus (b) the product of \$1,000 times the absolute value of the index return (e.g., if the index return is -10%, your return will be +10%), or (iii) if the final index level is less than the initial index level by more than 20%, \$1,000. If your notes are not automatically called, your return on the notes will not exceed 3.3% (if the final index level is greater than the initial index level) or 20% (if the final index level is equal to or less than the initial index level), regardless of the final index level. If the final index level is less than the initial index level by more than 20%, at maturity you will only receive the face amount of your notes and no other return.

If your notes are not automatically called, 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 greater than zero, the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of \$1,000 times the index return, subject to the maximum upside settlement amount of \$1,033;

- if the index return is equal to or less than zero but greater than or equal to -20%, the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) \$1,000 times (b) the absolute value of the index return; or
- if the index return is less than 20%, \$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 PS-12.

The estimated value of your notes at the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date is equal to approximately \$987 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:	April 9, 2019	Original issue price:	100% of the face amount
Underwriting discount:	0.5% of the face amount*	Net proceeds to the issuer:	99.5% of the face amount

*See “Supplemental Plan of Distribution” on page PS-7 for additional information regarding the fees comprising the underwriting discount.

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. 5,423 dated April 4, 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 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.

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 equal to approximately \$987 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 \$13 per \$1,000 face amount).

Prior to April 4, 2020, 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 April 3, 2020). On and after April 4, 2020, 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 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 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:

General terms supplement no. 1,734 dated July 10, 2017

Prospectus supplement dated July 10,
2017

Prospectus dated July 10, 2017

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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For investors who:

- believe that the closing level of the underlier will not be less than 80% of the initial underlier level on any call observation date (each day from but excluding the trade date to but excluding the determination date), so that the notes will not be automatically called;
- are willing to accept that, if the notes are automatically called, the return on the notes will be 0%;
- believe that, if the notes are not automatically called, the final underlier level will not be (i) greater than 103.3% of the initial underlier level or (ii) less than 80% of the initial underlier level;
- want limited exposure to (i) the underlier return (up to 3.3%) if the final underlier level is greater than the initial underlier level or (ii) the absolute value of the underlier return (up to 20%) if the final underlier level is equal to or less than the initial underlier level, in each case assuming the notes are not automatically called;
- are willing to forgo gains greater than a maximum upside settlement amount of 103.3% of the face amount if the final underlier level is greater than the initial underlier level;
- are willing to forgo exposure to the absolute value of the negative underlier return if the final underlier level is less than 80% of the initial underlier level and are willing to receive a 0% return instead; and
- are willing to accept that, if the notes are not automatically called, the return on the notes will be limited to between 0%, on the lower end of the range, and 20%, on the higher end of the range.

The notes will be automatically called if, on any call observation date, the closing level of underlier is less than 80% of the initial underlier level.

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If your notes are not automatically called, at maturity, for each \$1,000 face amount, the investor will receive (in each case as a percentage of the face amount):

- if the final underlier level is greater than 100% of the initial underlier level, 100% plus the underlier return, subject to the maximum upside settlement amount of 103.3%;
- if the final underlier level is equal to or less than 100% of the initial underlier level but greater than or equal to 80% of the initial underlier level, 100% plus the absolute underlier return; or
- if the final underlier level is less than 80% of the initial underlier level, 100%.

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Issuer: GS Finance Corp.

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Guarantor:	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
Underlier:	The S&P 500® Index (Bloomberg symbol, “SPX Index”)
Face Amount:	\$4,047,000 in the aggregate; each note will have a face amount equal to \$1,000
Trade Date:	April 4, 2019
Settlement Date:	April 9, 2019
Determination Date:	November 4, 2020
Stated Maturity Date:	November 9, 2020
Initial Underlier Level:	2,879.39
Final Underlier Level:	The closing level of the underlier on the determination date
Underlier Return:	The quotient of (i) the final underlier level minus the initial underlier level divided by (ii) the initial underlier level, expressed as a positive or negative percentage.
Absolute Underlier Return:	The absolute value of the underlier return, expressed as a percentage (e.g., a -10% or +10% underlier return will equal a +10% absolute underlier return)
Maximum Upside Settlement Amount:	\$1,033
Automatic Call Feature:	If, on any call observation date, the closing level of the underlier is less than 80% of the initial underlier level, your notes will be automatically called; if your notes are automatically called on any call observation date, on the corresponding call payment date you will receive an amount in cash equal to \$1,000
Call Observation Dates:	Each day from but excluding the trade date to but excluding the determination date, excluding any date or dates on which the calculation agent determines that a market disruption event occurs or is continuing or that the calculation agent determines is not a trading day
Call Payment Dates:	The second scheduled business day after each call observation date
CUSIP/ISIN:	40056F6Q3 / US40056F6Q32

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The Notes Have Not Been Automatically Called

200.000%	103.300%
175.000%	103.300%
150.000%	103.300%
110.000%	103.300%
103.300%	103.300%
101.000%	101.000%
100.750%	100.750%
100.500%	100.500%
100.000%	100.000%
99.500%	100.500%
99.250%	100.750%
99.000%	101.000%
96.700%	103.300%
95.000%	105.000%
90.000%	110.000%
80.000%	120.000%
79.999%	100.000%
60.000%	100.000%
50.000%	100.000%
25.000%	100.000%
0.000%	100.000%

Please read the section entitled “Additional Risk Factors Specific to Your Notes” of this pricing supplement as well as the risks and considerations described in the accompanying prospectus dated July 10, 2017, in the accompanying prospectus supplement dated July 10, 2017 and under “Additional Risk Factors Specific to the Notes” in the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734 dated July 10, 2017.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

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. Also, references to the “accompanying prospectus” mean the accompanying prospectus, dated July 10, 2017, references to the “accompanying prospectus supplement” mean the accompanying prospectus supplement, dated July 10, 2017, for Medium-Term Notes, Series E, and references to the “accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734” mean the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734, dated July 10, 2017, in each case of GS Finance Corp. and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. 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.

This section is meant as a summary and should be read in conjunction with the section entitled “Supplemental Terms of the Notes” on page S-16 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734. Please note that certain features described in the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734 are not applicable to the notes. This pricing supplement supersedes any conflicting provisions of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734.

Key Terms

Issuer: GS Finance Corp.

Guarantor: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Underlier: the S&P 500[®] Index (Bloomberg symbol, “SPX Index”), as published by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC

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

Face amount: each note will have a face amount of \$1,000; \$4,047,000 in the aggregate for all the offered notes; the aggregate face amount of the offered notes may be increased if the issuer, at its sole option, decides to sell an additional amount of the offered notes on a date subsequent to the date of this pricing supplement

Purchase at amount other than face amount: the amount we will pay you on a call payment date or the stated maturity date for your notes will not be adjusted based on the issue price you pay for your notes, so if you acquire notes at a premium (or discount) to face amount and hold them to a call payment date or the stated maturity date, it could affect your investment in a number of ways. The return on your investment in such notes will be lower (or higher) than it would have been had you purchased the notes at face amount. Additionally, the maximum upside settlement amount would be triggered at a lower (or higher) percentage return than indicated below, relative to your initial investment. See “Additional Risk Factors Specific to Your Notes — If You Purchase Your Notes at a Premium to Face Amount, the Return on Your Investment Will Be Lower Than the Return on Notes Purchased at Face Amount and the Impact of Certain Key Terms of the Notes Will be Negatively Affected” on page PS-14 of this pricing supplement.

Supplemental discussion of U.S. federal income tax consequences: the notes will be treated as debt instruments subject to the special rules governing contingent payment debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Under this treatment, it is the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP that if you are a U.S. individual or taxable entity, you generally should be required to pay taxes on ordinary income from the notes over their term based on the

comparable yield for the notes. In addition, any gain you may recognize on the sale, exchange, redemption or maturity of the notes will be taxed as ordinary interest income.

Automatic call feature: if, as measured on any call observation date, the closing level of the underlier is less than 80% of the initial underlier level, your notes will be automatically called. If your notes are

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automatically called on any call observation date, on the corresponding call payment date, you will receive an amount in cash equal to \$1,000 for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes.

Cash settlement amount (on any call payment date): if your notes are automatically called on any call observation date, for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes, on the related call payment date, we will pay you an amount in cash equal to \$1,000.

Cash settlement amount (on the stated maturity date): if your notes are not automatically called, for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes, we will pay you on the stated maturity date an amount in cash equal to:

if the final underlier level is greater than the initial underlier level, the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of \$1,000 times the underlier return, subject to the maximum upside settlement amount;

if the final underlier level is equal to or less than the initial underlier level but greater than or equal to 80% of the initial underlier level, the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) \$1,000 times (b) the absolute underlier return; or

if the final underlier level is less than 80% of the initial underlier level, \$1,000.

Initial underlier level: 2,879.39

Final underlier level: the closing level of the underlier on the determination date, except in the limited circumstances described under “Supplemental Terms of the Notes — Consequences of a Market Disruption Event or a Non-Trading Day” on page S-23 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734 and subject to adjustment as provided under “Supplemental Terms of the Notes — Discontinuance or Modification of an Underlier” on page S-27 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734

Underlier return: the quotient of (i) the final underlier level minus the initial underlier level divided by (ii) the initial underlier level, expressed as a positive or negative percentage

Absolute underlier return: the absolute value of the underlier return, expressed as a percentage (e.g., a -10% or +10% underlier return will equal a +10% absolute underlier return)

Maximum upside settlement amount: \$1,033

Call observation dates: each day from but excluding the trade date to but excluding the determination date, excluding any date or dates on which the calculation agent determines that a market disruption event occurs or is continuing or that the calculation agent determines is not a trading day

Call payment dates: the third business after each call observation date

Trade date: April 4, 2019

Original issue date (settlement date): April 9, 2019

Determination date: November 4, 2020, subject to adjustment as described under “Supplemental Terms of the Notes — Determination Date” on page S-17 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734

Stated maturity date: November 9, 2020, subject to adjustment as described under “Supplemental Terms of the Notes — Stated Maturity Date” on page S-16 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734

No interest: the offered notes do not bear interest

No listing: the offered notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or interdealer quotation system

Closing level: as described under “Supplemental Terms of the Notes — Special Calculation Provisions — Closing Level” on page S-31 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734

Business day: as described under “Supplemental Terms of the Notes — Special Calculation Provisions — Business Day” on page S-30 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734

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Trading day: as described under “Supplemental Terms of the Notes — Special Calculation Provisions — Trading Day” on page S-31 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734

Use of proceeds and hedging: as described under “Use of Proceeds” and “Hedging” on page S-94 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734

ERISA: as described under “Employee Retirement Income Security Act” on page S-95 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734

Supplemental plan of distribution; conflicts of interest: as described under “Supplemental Plan of Distribution” on page S-96 of the accompanying general terms supplement no. 1,734 and “Plan of Distribution – Conflicts of Interest” on page 94 of the accompanying prospectus; GS Finance Corp. estimates that its share of the total offering expenses, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$10,000.

GS Finance Corp. will sell to Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (“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 0.35% of the face amount. GS&Co. will pay a fee of 0.1% from the concession to Axio Financial LLC in connection with its marketing efforts related to the offered notes. 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 will deliver the notes against payment therefor in New York, New York on April 9, 2019. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade notes on any date prior to two business days 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.

Calculation agent: GS&Co.

CUSIP no.: 40056F6Q3

ISIN no.: US40056F6Q32

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

HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLES

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

The examples below are based on a range of underlier levels that are entirely hypothetical; no one can predict what the underlier level will be on any call observation date, and no one can predict what the final underlier level will be on the determination date. The underlier has been highly volatile in the past — meaning that the underlier level has changed considerably in relatively short periods — and its performance cannot be predicted for any future period.

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 a call payment date or the stated maturity date. If you sell your notes in a secondary market prior to a call payment date or 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. In addition, 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. For more information on the estimated value of your notes, see “Additional Risk Factors Specific to 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 GS&Co.) Is Less Than the Original Issue Price Of Your Notes” on page PS-12 of this pricing supplement. 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	\$1,033
Neither a market disruption event nor a non-trading day occurs on any call observation date or the 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 a call payment date or 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 on any call observation date or at maturity, may bear little relation to the hypothetical examples shown below or to the historical underlier levels shown elsewhere in this pricing supplement. For information about the historical levels of the underlier during recent periods, see “The Underlier — Historical Closing Levels of the Underlier” below. 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.

Also, the hypothetical examples shown below do not take into account the effects of applicable taxes. Because of the U.S. tax treatment applicable to your notes, tax liabilities could affect the after-tax rate of return on your notes to a comparatively greater extent than the after-tax return on the underlier stocks.

Hypothetical Payment on a Call Payment Date

The example below shows the hypothetical payment that we would pay on a call payment date with respect to each \$1,000 face amount of the notes if the closing level of the underlier on the applicable call observation date is less than 80% of the initial underlier level.

If your notes are automatically called on any call observation date (i.e., on the applicable call observation date the closing level of the underlier is less than 80% of the initial underlier level), the cash settlement amount that we would deliver for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes on the applicable call payment date would be \$1,000. If, for example, the closing level of the underlier on a call observation date were determined to be 70% of the initial underlier level, your notes would be automatically called and the cash settlement amount that we would deliver on your notes on the corresponding call payment date

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would be 100% of the face amount of your notes or \$1,000 for each \$1,000 of the face amount of your notes.

Hypothetical Payment at Maturity

If your notes are not automatically called on any call observation date (i.e., on each of the call observation dates the closing level of the underlier is not less than 80% of the initial underlier level), the cash settlement amount we would deliver for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes on the stated maturity date will depend on the performance of the underlier on the determination date, as shown in the table below. The table below assumes that the notes have not been automatically called on any call observation date and reflects hypothetical cash settlement amounts that you could receive on the stated maturity date. 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.

The Notes Have Not Been Automatically Called

Hypothetical Final Underlier Level (as Percentage of Initial Underlier Level)	Hypothetical Cash Settlement Amount (as Percentage of Face Amount)
200.000%	103.300%
175.000%	103.300%
150.000%	103.300%
110.000%	103.300%
105.000%	103.300%
103.300%	103.300%
101.000%	101.000%
100.750%	100.750%
100.500%	100.500%
100.000%	100.000%
99.500%	100.500%
99.250%	100.750%
99.000%	101.000%
96.700%	103.300%
95.000%	105.000%
90.000%	110.000%
80.000%	120.000%
79.999%	100.000%
60.000%	100.000%
50.000%	100.000%
25.000%	100.000%
0.000%	100.000%