AARON RENTS INC Form SC 13G/A February 12, 2003

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Amendment No. 3

	Aaron Rents, Inc.
	(Name of Issuer)
Com	mon Stock, \$0.50 par value
(Tit	le of Class of Securities)
	002535201
	(CUSIP Number)
	(65511 114111861)
	December 31, 2002
(Date of Event W	hich Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to is filed:	designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule
[X] Rule 13d-1(b)	
[_] Rule 13d-1(c)	
[_] Rule 13d-1(d)	
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CUSIP No. 002535201	13G
1. Name of Reporting Perso	n

I.R.S. Identification No. of above Person

Goldman Sachs Asset Management, a separate business unit of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) [_] (b) [_]			
3. SEC Use Only			
4. Citizenship or New York	Plac	ce of Organization	
New fork			
	5.	Sole Voting Power	
Number of		275,060	
Shares	6.	Shared Voting Power	
Beneficially		0	
Owned by			
Each	7.	Sole Dispositive Power	
Reporting		286,814	
Person	8.	Shared Dispositive Power	
With:		0	
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9. Aggregate Amou	ınt Be	eneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	
286,814			
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares			
			[_]
11. Percent of Cla	ıss Re	epresented by Amount in Row (9)	
1.6%			
12. Type of Reporting Person			
IA			

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Item 4. Ownership.*

- (a). Amount beneficially owned:
 See the response(s) to Item 9 on the attached cover page(s).
- (b). Percent of Class:
 See the response(s) to Item 11 on the attached cover page(s).
- (c). Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i). Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 5 on the attached cover page(s).
 - (ii). Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 6 on the attached cover page(s).
 - (iii). Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition
 of: See the response(s) to Item 7 on the attached
 cover page(s).
 - (iv). Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition
 of: See the response(s) to Item 8 on the attached
 cover page(s).
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class. If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting persons have ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].
- Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 11, 2003

GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. on behalf of Goldman Sachs Asset Management

By: /s/ Roger S. Begelman

Name: Roger S. Begelman Title: Attorney-in-fact

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