# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM Inc. Securities Litigation

Master File No. 1:17-cv-00916-RA-BCM

**CLASS ACTION** 

This Document Relates To: All Actions

# STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation of Settlement dated as of February 1, 2023 (together with all Exhibits hereto, "Stipulation"), which is entered into, by and through their undersigned attorneys, between (i) Class Representatives Shipco Transport Inc. ("Shipco") and E-Global Trade and Finance Group, Inc. ("E-Global" and with Shipco, "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the Class (as defined herein) and (ii) Individual Defendants Dror Niv and William Ahdout ("Individual Defendants" and with Plaintiffs, the "Parties"), states all of the terms of the settlement and resolution of this matter by the Parties, and is intended by the Parties to fully and finally compromise, settle, release, resolve, remise, discharge, and dismiss with prejudice the Released Claims (as defined herein) against the Released Parties (as defined herein) for the consideration specified, as set forth below.

Throughout this Stipulation, all terms used with initial capitalization, but not immediately defined, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Paragraph 1 below.

#### **WHEREAS:**

# A. Litigation History

On February 7, 2017, Tony Khoury filed the first of four related shareholder actions against FCXM, Dror Niv and Robert Lande ("Lande"), alleging violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"). Dkt. No. 1. By Order dated May 3, 2017,

the Court consolidated the related actions, appointed 683 Capital Partners, LP and Shipco as Lead Plaintiffs, and appointed the Rosen Firm as Lead Counsel. Dkt. No. 47. The Lead Plaintiffs filed their Consolidated Securities Class Action Complaint on June 19, 2017. Dkt. No. 48 ("FAC"). Defendants moved to dismiss the FAC on August 3, 2017. Dkt. No. 88. The Court granted the motion to dismiss without prejudice on March 1, 2017. Dkt. No. 108. Plaintiffs then filed their Second Amended Consolidated Securities Class Action Complaint ("SAC") on April 6, 2018. Dkt. No. 111. Defendants and Lande moved to dismiss the SAC on May 7, 2018. Dkt. No. 117. On March 28, 2019, the Court granted in part and denied in part Defendants' motion to dismiss the SAC. Dkt. No. 135. The Court dismissed Lande from in the Action. Defendants filed their answer to the SAC on May 13, 2019. Dkt. No. 139.

On January 6, 2020, Lead Plaintiffs and Sergey Regukh moved for class certification and Appointment of Class Representatives and Class Counsel. Dkt. No. 149. On April 13, 2020, Plaintiffs filed an amended motion for class certification, which was substantively identical but substituted E-Global for Sergey Regukh as a putative class representative. Dkt. Nos. 174-75. Plaintiffs also subsequently filed their Third Amended Consolidated Securities Class Action Complaint ("TAC") on April 17, 2020. Dkt. No. 181. Defendants filed their answer to the TAC on May 21, 2020. Dkt. No. 183. The amended class certification motion was assigned to Magistrate Judge Barbara Moses for a report and recommendation (Dkt. No. 171), which Magistrate Moses issued on March 18, 2021, after holding an evidentiary hearing. Dkt. No. 229. On March 23, 2021, the Court adopted Magistrate Judge Moses' report and recommendation, certifying a class of Global Brokerage, Inc., f/k/a FXCM Inc. ("FXCM") common stock purchasers, appointing Shipco and E-Global as Class Representatives, appointing The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. as Class Counsel,

and denying class certification as to FXCM Notes purchasers. Dkt. No. 232. The certified Class comprises:

All persons and/or entities that purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded Global Brokerage, Inc., f/k/a FXCM Inc. ("FXCM") Class A common stock, during the period March 15, 2012 through February 6, 2017, both dates inclusive. Excluded from the Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) current and former officers, employees, consultants and directors of FXCM and FXCM Holdings, LLC; (iii) siblings, parents, children, spouses, and household members of any person excluded under (i) and (ii); (iv) any entities affiliated with, controlled by, or more than 5% owned by, any person excluded under (i) through (iii); and (v) the legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns of any person excluded under (i) through (iv).

Id.

After the Parties completed fact discovery and expert discovery, Defendants filed motions on September 9, 2021, to exclude Plaintiffs' experts from testifying, and for summary judgment on all of Plaintiffs' claims. Dkt. Nos. 237, 242, and 247. On August 17, 2022, after holding oral argument on Defendants' motions, the Court denied Defendants' motion for summary judgment, denied Defendants' motion to exclude the testimony of Plaintiffs' financial expert, and denied in part and granted in part Defendants' motion to exclude the testimony of Plaintiffs' accounting expert. Dkt. No. 291.

On September 7, 2022, the Court scheduled a jury trial to commence on February 13, 2023. Dkt. No. 319. On September 20, 2022, Defendants moved to certify part of the Court's decision denying summary judgment for interlocutory appeal. Dkt. No. 320. The Court denied Defendants' motion on October 31, 2022. Dkt. No. 327. On December 14, 2022, Plaintiffs submitted and filed the Parties' Joint Pretrial Order, Proposed Jury Instructions, Proposed *Voir Dire* Questions, and Proposed Verdict Form. Dkt. Nos. 330-332. On the same date, the Parties each filed respective pretrial memoranda and motions *in limine*. Dkt. Nos. 333-345.

# **B.** Mediation and Settlement

On December 20, 2022, the Parties participated in a private mediation with Jed Melnick, Esq. of JAMS, a well-respected mediator with experience mediating securities class actions. Mr. Melnick proposed, and the parties accepted, a settlement in principle to resolve this action. On December 23, 2022, the Parties executed a binding term sheet that set forth the material terms and obligations with respect to the settlement.

This Stipulation memorializes the agreement between the Parties to fully and finally settle the Action and to fully release all Released Claims against Defendants and the Released Parties with prejudice in return for the consideration specified herein.

# C. The Individual Defendants' Denial of Wrongdoing and Liability

Throughout this Action, the Individual Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, any and all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damages whatsoever arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts, or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in the Action. The Individual Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, the allegations that Plaintiffs or any Class Member have suffered damages or were harmed by any of the conduct alleged in the Action or that could have been alleged as part of the Action. In addition, the Individual Defendants maintain that they have meritorious defenses to all claims in the Action. The Individual Defendants continue to believe the claims asserted against them in the Action are without merit and have agreed to enter into the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation solely to avoid the expense, distraction, time and uncertainty associated with the Action.

The Individual Defendants have concluded that it is desirable that the Action be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation. The Individual Defendants also have taken into account the risks inherent in any litigation, especially

in complex cases such as this Action. The Individual Defendants have therefore determined that it is desirable and beneficial to them that the Action be settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

# D. Plaintiffs' Claims and Benefits of Settlement

Plaintiffs believe that the claims they asserted in the Action on their own behalf and on behalf of the Class have merit. Plaintiffs, however, recognize and acknowledge the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to prosecute the Action against Defendants through trial and appeals. Plaintiffs have also taken into account the uncertain outcome and the inherent risks of this and any complex class litigation, particularly the risks presented at trial and with post-trial motions and appeals. Plaintiffs have determined, therefore, that the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation is fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Class.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among Plaintiffs (on behalf of themselves and each of the Class Members) and the Individual Defendants, by and through their respective undersigned counsel, that, subject to the approval of the Court, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties from the Settlement set forth herein, the Action shall be dismissed with prejudice and the Released Claims shall be finally and fully released as against the Released Parties, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Stipulation, as follows:

#### 1. **Definitions**

In addition to the terms defined above, the following capitalized terms, used in this Stipulation, shall have the meanings specified below:

- 1.1. "Action" means the consolidated class action captioned *In re Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation,* Master File No. 1:17-cv-00916-RA-BCM (S.D.N.Y.).
- 1.2. "Administrative Costs" means all costs and expenses associated with providing notice of the Settlement to the Class and otherwise administering or carrying out the terms of the Settlement. Such costs may include, without limitation: escrow agent costs, the costs of publishing and disseminating the Notice, the costs of printing and mailing the Notice and Proof of Claim, as directed by the Court, and the costs of allocating and distributing the Net Settlement Fund to the Authorized Claimants. Such costs do not include legal fees.
- 1.3. "Authorized Claimant" means any Class Member who is a Claimant and whose claim for recovery has been allowed pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation, the exhibits hereto, and any order of the Court.
- **1.4.** "Award to Plaintiffs" means the requested reimbursement to Plaintiffs for their reasonable costs and expenses directly related to Plaintiffs' representation of the Class in the Action.
- **1.5.** "Business Day" means any day except Saturday, Sunday, or any legal holiday as defined by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(a)(6).
- **1.6.** "Claimant" means any Class Member who files a Proof of Claim in such form and manner, and within such time, as the Court shall permit.
- 1.7. "Claims" means any and all manner of claims, debts, demands, controversies, obligations, losses, costs, interest, penalties, fees, expenses, rights, duties, judgments, sums of money, suits, contracts, agreements, promises, damages, causes of action and liabilities, of every nature and description in law or equity (including, but not limited to, any claims

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for damages, whether compensatory, special, incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary or otherwise, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, recession or recessionary damages, interest, attorneys' fees, expert or consulting fees, costs, or expenses), accrued or unaccrued, known or unknown, arising under federal, state, common, administrative, or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation.

- **1.8.** "Claims Administrator" means Strategic Claims Services, which shall administer the Settlement.
- 1.9. "Class" means all persons and/or entities that purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded Global Brokerage, Inc., f/k/a FXCM Inc. ("FXCM") Class A common stock, during the period March 15, 2012 through February 6, 2017, both dates inclusive. Excluded from the Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) current and former officers, employees, consultants and directors of FXCM and FXCM Holdings, LLC; (iii) siblings, parents, children, spouses, and household members of any person excluded under (i) and (ii); (iv) any entities affiliated with, controlled by, or more than 5% owned by, any person excluded under (i) through (iii); and (v) the legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns of any person excluded under (i) through (iv). Also excluded from the Class are those persons or entities who file valid and timely requests for exclusion in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order.
  - **1.10.** "Class Counsel" means The Rosen Law Firm, P.A.
- **1.11.** "Class Member" means any one of, and "Class Members" means all of, the members of the Class.
- **1.12.** "Class Period" means the period from March 15, 2012 through February 6, 2017, both dates inclusive.

- **1.13.** "Court" means the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, or if this Action is transferred to another court, the transferee court.
- **1.14.** "Defendants" means Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc., Dror Niv, and William Ahdout.
  - **1.15.** "Defense Counsel" means King & Spalding LLP.
- 1.16. "Escrow Account" means an interest-bearing escrow account established by the Escrow Agent at The Huntington National Bank. The Escrow Account shall be managed by the Escrow Agent, subject to the Court's supervisory authority, for the benefit of Plaintiffs and the Class in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation and any order of the Court, provided that, unless this Stipulation otherwise permits, no amount shall be withdrawn from the Escrow Account prior to the Effective Date absent written approval of the Individual Defendants or their counsel, or an order of the Court after notice to the Individual Defendants.
- **1.17.** "Escrow Agent" means The Huntington National Bank. The Escrow Agent shall perform the duties set forth in this Stipulation and any order of the Court.
  - **1.18.** "Effective Date" shall have the meaning set forth in ¶9.5 of this Stipulation.
- 1.19. "Final" when referring to the Final Judgment means exhaustion of all possible appeals, meaning (i) if no appeal or request for review is filed, the day after the date of expiration of any time for appeal or review of the Final Judgment, and (ii) if an appeal or request for review is filed, the day after the date the appeal or request for review is dismissed, or the Final Judgment is upheld on appeal or review in all material respects, and is not subject to further review on appeal or by *certiorari* or otherwise; provided, however, that any dispute or appeals relating solely to the amount, payment or allocation of attorneys' fees and expenses or the Plan of

Allocation shall have no effect on finality for purposes of determining the date on which the Final Judgment becomes Final.

- **1.20.** "Final Judgment" means the order and judgment to be entered by the Court finally approving the Settlement, materially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- **1.21.** "FXCM" means Global Brokerage, Inc., f/k/a FXCM Inc. a nonparty to this Stipulation.
- **1.22.** "Long Notice" means the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-1.
- **1.23.** "Net Settlement Fund" means the Settlement Fund, less: (i) the Fee and Expense Awards (defined below); (ii) Administrative Costs; (iii) Taxes and Tax Expenses (defined below); (iv) any Award to Plaintiffs; and (v) other fees and expenses authorized by the Court.
- **1.24.** "Notice" means collectively, the Long Notice, the Summary Notice, and the Postcard Notice, which are to be made available to Class Members substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits A-1, A-3, and A-4, respectively, on the Claims Administrator's website and/or mailed or emailed to Class Members.
- **1.25.** "Party" means any one of, and "Parties" means all of the Individual Defendants and Plaintiffs (individually and on behalf of the Class).
- 1.26. "Person" means an individual, corporation, fund, limited liability corporation, professional corporation, limited liability partnership, partnership, limited partnership, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity and their spouses, heirs, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assigns.
  - **1.27.** "Plaintiffs" means Shipco and E-Global.

- **1.28.** "Plaintiffs' Counsel" means Class Counsel and Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP.
- 1.29. "Plan of Allocation" means a plan or formula for allocating the Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants after payment of Administrative Costs, Taxes and Tax Expenses, and such attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses as may be awarded by the Court. The Plan of Allocation is not a condition to the effectiveness of this Stipulation, and the Released Parties shall have no responsibility or liability, with respect thereto.
- **1.30.** "Postcard Notice" means the Postcard Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-4, alerting potential Class Members to the availability of the Long Notice and containing instructions on how Class Members can obtain copies of the Long Notice and Proof of Claim either by electronic means or by mail.
- **1.31.** "Preliminary Approval Order" means an order preliminarily approving the Settlement and directing notice thereof to the Class, substantially in the form of the proposed order attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- **1.32.** "Proof of Claim" means the Proof of Claim and Release Form to be submitted by Claimants, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-2.
- 1.33. "Related Parties" means, with respect to each Released Party, the immediate family members, employees, officers, directors, attorneys, legal representatives, insurers, reinsurers, and agents of each of them, and any person or entity which is or was related to or affiliated with any Released Party or in which any Released Party has a controlling interest, and their present and former parents, subsidiaries, variable interest entities, divisions, affiliates, employees, officers, directors, attorneys, legal representatives, insurers, reinsurers, and agents, and the predecessors, heirs, administrators, successors and assigns of the foregoing.

- 1.34. "Released Claims" means and includes any and all Claims and Unknown Claims (as defined in ¶1.42) that have been or could have been asserted by or on behalf of any of the Releasing Parties, in any capacity, which arise out of, are based upon, or relate in any way to the purchase, acquisition, sale, or disposition of any FXCM publicly traded Common Stock during the Class Period, including but not limited to any claims alleged in the Action and any claims related to the allegations, facts, transactions, events, matters, occurrences, acts, disclosures, representations, omissions, failures to act, filings, publications, or presentations involved, related to, set forth, alleged or referred to in the Action. Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Released Claims" does not include claims to enforce the terms of this Stipulation or orders or judgments issued by the Court in connection with this Settlement.
- 1.35. "Released Parties" means the Individual Defendants, FXCM, and each and all of their Related Parties, their respective families, parent entities, associates, affiliates or subsidiaries, and each and all of their respective past, present or future officers, directors, stockholders, agents, representatives, employees, attorneys, financial or investment advisors, advisors, insurers, co-insurers and reinsurers, heirs, executors, general or limited partners or partnerships, personal or legal representatives, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors and assigns.
- 1.36. "Releasing Parties" means Plaintiffs, each and every Class Member and each of their respective parent entities, associates, affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, attorneys, immediate family members, heirs, representatives, administrators, executors, devisees, legatees, and estates, whether or not they object to the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation, and whether or not they make a claim for payment from the Net Settlement Fund.
  - **1.37.** "Settlement" means the settlement contemplated by this Stipulation.

- **1.38.** "Settlement Amount" means a total of six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000).
- **1.39.** "Settlement Fund" means all funds transferred to the Escrow Account or Escrow Agent pursuant to this Stipulation and any interest or other income earned thereon.
- **1.40.** "Settlement Hearing" means the hearing at or after which the Court will make a final decision pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as to whether the Settlement contained in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable and adequate, and therefore, should receive final approval from the Court.
- **1.41.** "Summary Notice" means the Summary Notice of Pendency and Proposed Class Action Settlement that the Claims Administrator will cause to be published, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-3.
- 1.42. "Unknown Claims" means all Claims of every nature and description which Plaintiffs or any Class Member do not know or suspect to exist in their favor at the time of the release of the Released Parties which, if known by them, might have affected their decision with respect to the settlement with and release of the Released Parties, including without limitation any decision not to opt-out or object to this Settlement.

# 2. The Settlement Consideration

**2.1.** In consideration of the full and final release, settlement, and discharge of all Released Claims against the Released Parties: (i) within five Business Days after the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Class Counsel shall provide the Individual Defendants with complete and accurate payment instructions and a W-9 for the Settlement Fund and Escrow Account; and (ii) within 15 Business Days of the later of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order or receipt of

payment instructions from Class Counsel, the Individual Defendants shall fund the Escrow Account, or cause the Escrow Account to be funded, with the full Settlement Amount in cash.

2.2. The obligations incurred pursuant to this Agreement shall be in full and final disposition and settlement of all Released Claims. Plaintiffs and Class Members shall look solely to the Settlement Fund as full, final, and complete satisfaction of all Released Claims. Under no circumstances will the IndividualDefendants be required to pay, or cause payment of, more than the Settlement Amount pursuant to this Stipulation or the Settlement for any reason whatsoever, including, without limitation, as Administrative Costs, as compensation to any Class Member, as payment of Plaintiffs' or any Class Member's attorneys' fees and expenses, or in payment of any fees, expenses, costs, liability, losses, Taxes, or damages whatsoever alleged or incurred by Plaintiffs, any Class Member or Class Counsel, including but not limited to their attorneys, experts, advisors, agents, or representatives.

# 3. Handling and Disbursement of Funds by the Escrow Agent

- **3.1.** No monies will be disbursed from the Settlement Fund prior to the Effective Date except:
  - (a) As provided in ¶3.4 below;
  - **(b)** As provided in ¶8.2 below;
  - (c) As provided in ¶10.10 below, if applicable; and
- (d) To pay Taxes and Tax Expenses (as defined in ¶4.1 below). Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund and shall be considered to be a cost of administration of the Settlement and shall be timely paid by the Escrow Agent without prior Order of the Court.

- 3.2. The Escrow Agent shall invest the Settlement Fund in short term instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government or fully insured by the United States Government or an agency thereof and shall reinvest the proceeds of these instruments as they mature in similar instruments at their then-current market rates. The Escrow Agent shall bear all responsibility and liability for managing the Escrow Account and cannot assign or delegate its responsibilities without approval of the Parties. The Individual Defendants, their counsel, their insurers, and the other Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or any liability whatsoever with respect to any investment or management decisions executed by the Escrow Agent. The Settlement Fund shall bear all risks related to the investments of the Settlement Amount in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this ¶3.2.
- **3.3.** The Escrow Agent shall not disburse the Settlement Fund except as provided in this Stipulation, by an order of the Court, or with the written agreement of the Individual Defendants.
- **3.4.** At any time after the Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement, the Escrow Agent may, without further approval from the Individual Defendants or the Court, disburse at the direction of Class Counsel up to \$250,000 from the Settlement Fund prior to the Effective Date to pay Administrative Costs. After the Effective Date, up to an additional \$150,000 may be transferred from the Settlement Fund to pay for any reasonable and necessary Administrative Costs without further order of the Court.

#### 4. Taxes

**4.1.** The Parties agree to treat the Settlement Fund as being at all times a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1. In addition, Class Counsel or its designee shall timely make, or cause to be made via the Escrow Agent, such

elections as necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of this ¶4.1, including the "relation-back election" (as defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1) back to the earliest permitted date. Such elections shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements contained in such regulations. It shall be the responsibility of Class Counsel or its designee to timely and properly prepare and deliver the necessary documentation for signature by all necessary parties, and thereafter to cause the appropriate filing to occur. Upon written request, the Released Parties will timely provide to Class Counsel or its designee the statement described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-3(e).

- (a) For purposes of § 1.468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3) promulgated thereunder, the "administrator" shall be Class Counsel or its designee. Class Counsel or its designee shall timely and properly file, or cause to be filed via the Escrow Agent, all informational and other tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the Settlement Fund (including without limitation the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)). Such returns (as well as the election described in this ¶4.1) shall be consistent with this ¶4.1 and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest or penalties) on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund.
- (b) All Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest or penalties) arising with respect to the income earned by the Settlement Fund, including any taxes or tax detriments that may be imposed upon the Released Parties with respect to (i) any income earned by the Settlement Fund for any period during which the Settlement Fund does not qualify as a "qualified settlement fund" for federal or state income tax purposes, and (ii) the payment or reimbursement by the Settlement Fund of any taxes or tax detriments described in clause (i) ("Taxes"), and all expenses

and costs incurred in connection with the operation and implementation of this ¶4.1 (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and/or accountants and mailing and distribution costs and expenses or penalties relating to filing (or failing to file) the returns described in this ¶4.1) ("Tax Expenses"), shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund, as appropriate.

- (c) The Released Parties shall have no liability or responsibility for the Taxes or the Tax Expenses. Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be treated as, and considered to be, a cost of administration of the Settlement and shall be timely paid out of the Settlement Fund without prior order from the Court.
- (d) The Escrow Agent shall be obligated (notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary) to withhold from distribution to Authorized Claimants any funds necessary to pay such amounts, including the establishment of adequate reserves for any Taxes and Tax Expenses (as well as any amounts that may be withheld under Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(1)(2)). The Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or any liability whatsoever with respect to the acts or omissions of Class Counsel or the Escrow Agent with respect to the foregoing provided in this ¶4.1.
- (e) The Parties agree to cooperate with each other, and their tax attorneys and accountants, to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this ¶4.1.

# 5. Preliminary Approval Order, Notice Order, and Settlement Hearing

**5.1.** As soon as practicable after execution of this Stipulation, Plaintiffs shall submit this Stipulation and its exhibits to the Court and shall move for preliminary approval of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation, entry of a preliminary approval order, and approval for the mailing and dissemination of notice, substantially in the form of Exhibits A, A-1, A-2, A-3, and A-4. The Postcard Notice (Exhibit A-4) shall inform potential Class Members of the availability

of the Long Notice either by first class mail, postage pre-paid, or by electronic delivery. The Long Notice (Exhibit A-1) shall include the general terms of the Settlement and the provisions of the Plan of Allocation, and shall set forth the procedure by which recipients of the Notice may object to the Settlement or the Plan of Allocation or request to be excluded from the Class. The date and time of the Settlement Hearing shall be added to the Notice before it is mailed or otherwise provided to Class Members.

- **5.2.** At the time of the submission described in ¶5.1 hereof, Plaintiffs shall request that, after the Notice is provided, the Court hold the Settlement Hearing and (i) approve the Settlement as set forth herein, and (ii) enter a final judgment substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, as promptly after the Settlement Hearing as possible.
- 5.3. It shall be Class Counsel's sole responsibility to disseminate the Notice to the Class in accordance with this Stipulation and as ordered by the Court. The Individual Defendants shall not bear any cost or responsibility for the Notice, the administration, or the allocation of the settlement amount among Class Members. Class Members shall have no recourse as to the Released Parties with respect to any claims they may have that arise from any failure of the notice process.
- **5.4.** No later than 10 days following the filing of this Stipulation with the Court, the Individual Defendants shall serve, or cause to be served, the notice required under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA"). No later than 21 days following the filing of this Stipulation with the Court, the Individual Defendants shall file with the Court an affidavit or declaration regarding their compliance with the CAFA notice requirements.

# 6. Releases and Covenants Not to Sue

Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties, regardless of whether any **6.1.** such Releasing Party ever seeks or obtains by any means, including without limitation by submitting a Proof of Claim, any disbursement from the Settlement Fund, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Parties and shall have covenanted not to sue the Released Parties with respect to all such Released Claims, and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting, instituting, assisting, instigating, or in any way participating in the commencement or prosecution of any action or other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any Released Claim, in any capacity, against any of the Released Parties, and agree and covenant not to sue any of the Released Parties on the basis of the Released Claims or to assist any third party in commencing or maintaining any suit against the Released Parties related to any Released Claims, whether or not such Class Member executes and delivers a Proof of Claim Form, seeks or obtains a distribution from the Settlement Fund, is entitled to receive a distribution under the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court, or has objected to any aspect of the Stipulation or the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Class Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees or expenses. For the avoidance of doubt, the Individual Defendants are released from any and all claims for contribution or indemnity, as would otherwise be allowed by Section 21D of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(f)(7). Nothing contained herein shall, however, bar the Releasing Parties from bringing any action or claim to enforce the terms of this Stipulation or the Final Judgment. Nor shall anything contained herein limit or release any claims the Individual Defendants may have with regard to insurance coverage that may be available to them under any

applicable policy. This release shall not apply to any Class Members who timely and validly excludes themselves from the Class.

**6.2.** With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties shall expressly waive, shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have waived, the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Releasing Parties shall expressly waive, shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have waived, any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state, territory, foreign country or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542. The Releasing Parties may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which they now know or believe to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but the Releasing Parties shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released, any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or noncontingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of fiduciary duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The Releasing Parties acknowledge, and shall be

deemed by operation of the Final Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

- 6.3. Upon the Effective Date, the Released Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all claims they may have against the Releasing Parties, including Class Members and Plaintiffs' Counsel, related to the prosecution of the Action or any other known or unknown counter-claim related thereto and shall have covenanted not to sue the Releasing Parties, including Class Members and Plaintiffs' Counsel, with respect to any counter claim, claim, or sanction related to the Released Claims, and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting, instituting, assisting, instigating, or in any way participating in the commencement or prosecution of any action or other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any such claim, in any capacity, against any of the Releasing Parties, including Class Members and Plaintiffs' Counsel, and agree and covenant not to sue any of the Releasing Parties, including Class Members and Plaintiffs' Counsel, on the basis of any such claim or to assist any third party in commencing or maintaining any suit against the Releasing Parties related to any such claim. Nothing contained herein shall, however, bar the Released Parties from bringing any action or claim to enforce the terms of this Stipulation or the Final Judgment.
- **6.4.** The releases provided in this Stipulation shall become effective immediately upon occurrence of the Effective Date without the need for any further action, notice, condition, or event. The Releasing Parties shall be deemed to acknowledge that, as of the Effective Date, the releases given herein shall become effective immediately by operation of the Final Judgment and shall be permanent, absolute, and unconditional.

# Administration and Calculation Of Claims, Final Awards And Supervision And Distribution Of The Settlement Fund

- 7.1. Under the supervision of Class Counsel, acting on behalf of the Class, and subject to such supervision and direction of the Court as may be necessary or as circumstances may require, the Claims Administrator shall administer and calculate the claims submitted by Class Members and shall oversee distribution of the Net Settlement Fund (as defined below) to Authorized Claimants. After the Effective Date, Class Counsel shall apply to the Court, on notice to the Parties, for the Settlement Fund Distribution Order.
  - **7.2.** The Settlement Fund shall be applied as follows:
    - (a) To pay the Taxes and Tax Expenses described in ¶4.1 above;
    - **(b)** To pay Administrative Costs;
- (c) To pay Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and expenses, and payments to Plaintiffs for reimbursement of their time and expenses ("Fee and Expense Award"), to the extent allowed by the Court; and
- (d) To distribute the balance of the Settlement Fund, that is, the Settlement Fund less the items set forth in ¶¶7.2(a)-(c) hereof, plus all accrued interest ("Net Settlement Fund") to the Authorized Claimants as allowed by this Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation, or the Court.
- 7.3. Upon and after the Effective Date, the Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants in accordance with the terms of the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice and any orders of the Court. No Person shall have any claims against Class Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or any other agent designated by Class Counsel based on distribution determinations or claim rejections made substantially in accordance with this

Stipulation and the Settlement contained herein, the Plan of Allocation, or orders of the Court. Class Counsel shall have the right, but not the obligation, to waive what it deems to be formal or technical defects in any Proofs of Claim filed, where doing so is in the interest of achieving substantial justice.

- 7.4. This is not a claims-made settlement, and if all conditions of the Stipulation are satisfied and the Final Judgment becomes Final, no portion of the Settlement Fund will be returned to the Individual Defendants. The Individual Defendants, their counsel, their insurers, and the other Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, involvement in, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to the investment or distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, the determination, administration, or calculation of claims, the payment or withholding of Taxes or Tax Expenses, or any losses incurred in connection therewith. In no instance shall any Defendant be required to pay any amount other than as specified in ¶2.1.
- 7.5. The Claims Administrator shall administer the Settlement subject to the jurisdiction of the Court and pursuant to this Stipulation and the Plan of Allocation. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall be solely responsible for formulation of the Plan of Allocation. It is understood and agreed by the Parties that any proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund including, but not limited to, any adjustments to an Authorized Claimant's claim set forth therein, is not a condition of this Stipulation and is to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. Any order or proceedings relating to the Plan of Allocation, or any appeal from any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to modify, terminate or cancel this Stipulation, or affect or delay the finality of the Final Judgment and the releases contained therein, or any other orders entered pursuant to this Stipulation.

- **7.6.** Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the Claimant's claim, and the claim will be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to that Claimant's status as a Class Member and the validity of the amount of the Claimant's claim. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of the Action or Settlement in conjunction with the processing of the Proofs of Claim.
- 7.7. Payment pursuant to this Stipulation shall be deemed final and conclusive against all Claimants. All Claimants whose claims are not approved by the Court shall be barred from participating in the distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, but otherwise shall be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Final Judgment to be entered in this Action and the releases provided for herein, and will be barred from bringing any action against the Released Parties concerning the Released Claims.
- **7.8.** All proceedings with respect to the administration, processing, and determination of claims and all controversies relating thereto, including disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of claims, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, but shall not delay or affect the finality of the Final Judgment.
- 7.9. Neither the Parties nor their counsel shall have any responsibility for or liability whatsoever with respect to: (i) any act, omission, or determination of the Escrow Agent or the Claims Administrator, or any of their respective designees or agents, in connection with the administration of the Settlement Fund or otherwise; (ii) the Plan of Allocation; (iii) the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claims asserted against the Settlement Fund; (iv) any losses suffered by, or fluctuations in the value of, the Settlement Fund;

or (v) the payment or withholding of any Taxes, expenses, and/or costs incurred in connection with the taxation of the Settlement Fund or the filing of any returns.

# 8. Class Counsel's Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses

- 8.1. Class Counsel may submit an application or applications ("Fee and Expense Application") for distributions from the Settlement Fund to Class Counsel for a Fee and Expense Award consisting of: (i) an award of attorneys' fees from the Settlement Fund; (ii) reimbursement of actual costs and expenses, including the fees and expenses of any experts or consultants, incurred in connection with prosecuting the Action; and (iii) an Award to Plaintiffs as payment to Plaintiffs for reimbursement of their time and expenses in connection with the Action. The Individual Defendants shall take no position with respect to the Fee and Expense Application. Class Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees or litigation expenses is not the subject of any agreement between the Individual Defendants and Plaintiffs other than what is set forth in this Stipulation.
- 8.2. Any attorneys' fees and expenses awarded to Class Counsel by the Court shall be paid to Class Counsel from the Escrow Account within five Business Days of the date the Court enters an order approving the Fee and Expense Award, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections to any Fee and Expense Award, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the Settlement or any part thereof, and subject to Class Counsel's obligation to make appropriate refunds or repayments to the Settlement Fund, plus interest earned thereon, within 10 Business Days if and when the Settlement is terminated in accordance with its terms or, as a result of any appeal and/or further proceedings on remand, or successful collateral attack, the Fee and Expense Award is reduced.

- **8.3.** The procedure for, and allowance or disallowance by the Court of, the Fee and Expense Application are not a condition of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation and are to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. Any order or proceeding relating to the Fee and Expense Application, or any objection to, motion regarding, or appeal from any order or proceeding relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to modify, terminate or cancel this Stipulation, or affect or delay the finality of the Final Judgment or the releases contained therein or any other orders entered pursuant to this Stipulation.
- 8.4. Any Fee and Expense Award paid to Class Counsel or Award to Plaintiffs shall be paid solely from the Settlement Fund and shall reduce the settlement consideration paid to the Class accordingly. The Individual Defendants shall not have any responsibility for payment of Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and expenses or other award to Plaintiffs beyond the obligation of the Individual Defendants to fund, or cause to be funded, the Settlement Amount as set forth in \$\\$2.1 above. The Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, any payments to Class Counsel, Plaintiffs, the Class and/or any other Person who receives payment from the Settlement Fund.

# 9. Conditions of Settlement, Effect of Disapproval, Cancellation or Termination

- **9.1.** Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Class, and the Individual Defendants shall each have the right to terminate the Settlement and Stipulation by providing written notice of their election to do so ("Termination Notice") to all other Parties within 10 Business Days of:
- (a) entry of a Court order declining to enter the Preliminary Approval

  Order in all material respects;

- (b) entry of a Court order refusing to approve this Stipulation in all material respects;
- (c) entry of a Court order declining to enter the Final Judgment in all material respects, provided, however, that this Settlement is expressly not conditioned on the Court's approval of the proposed Plan of Allocation, nor on the Court's approval of Class Counsel's application for attorneys' fees or expenses, nor on the Court's approval of any award to Plaintiffs for its reasonable costs and expenses, and any change in the Judgment relating to these items shall not be considered a material change;
- (d) entry of a Court order refusing to dismiss the Action with prejudice; or
- (e) entry of an order by which the Final Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by any appeal or review.
- **9.2.** If the Settlement Amount is not paid into the Escrow Account in accordance with ¶2.1 of this Stipulation, then Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Class, shall have the right to: (a) terminate the Settlement and Stipulation by providing written notice to the Individual Defendants at any time prior to the Court's entry of the Final Judgment; or (b) enforce the terms of the Settlement and this Stipulation and seek a judgment effecting the terms herein.
- **9.3.** If, prior to the Settlement Hearing, persons who otherwise would be Class Members have filed with the Court valid and timely requests for exclusion from the Class in accordance with the provision of the Preliminary Approval Order and the Notice, and such persons in the aggregate have purchased or otherwise acquired FXCM Class A Common Stock in an amount that equals or exceeds the sum specified in a separate supplemental agreement between the Parties ("Supplemental Agreement"), the Individual Defendants shall have the option, but not

the obligation, to terminate this Stipulation in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Supplemental Agreement. The Supplemental Agreement is confidential and will not be filed with the Court unless the Court so requests, or a dispute arises among the Parties concerning its interpretation or application, in which case the Parties will take reasonable steps to assure the Supplemental Agreement is filed under seal or submitted for *in camera* review, subject to the Court's approval and direction. The Parties will file a statement identifying the existence of the Supplemental Agreement pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(3). Copies of all requests for exclusion received, together with copies of all revocations of request for exclusion (if any), shall be delivered to Defense Counsel within five days of receipt thereof.

- **9.4.** If any Party engages in a material breach of the terms hereof, any other Party, provided that it is in substantial compliance with the terms of this Stipulation, may terminate this Stipulation on notice to all the Parties.
- **9.5.** The Effective Date of this Stipulation shall not occur unless and until each of the following events occurs, and it shall be the date upon which the last in time of the following events occurs:
- (a) The Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order attached hereto as Exhibit A or an order containing materially the same terms;
- (b) The Court has approved the Settlement, following notice to the Class and the Settlement Hearing, and has entered the Final Judgment;
  - (c) The Action has been dismissed with prejudice; and
  - (d) The Final Judgment has become Final as defined in ¶1.19.

- **9.6.** Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, any and all interest or right of the Individual Defendants in or to the Settlement Fund, shall be absolutely and forever extinguished, except as set forth in this Stipulation.
- **9.7.** In the event that some or all of the conditions specified in ¶9.5 above are not met, the Parties may agree in writing nevertheless to proceed with this Stipulation and Settlement. However, none of the Parties, or any of them, shall have any obligation whatsoever to proceed under any terms other than those provided for and agreed herein.
- **9.8.** In the event the Stipulation shall terminate, or be canceled, or shall not become effective for any reason, the Parties and the Released Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action immediately prior to December 23, 2022, and they shall proceed in all respects as if the Stipulation had not been executed and the related orders had not been entered, and in that event all of their respective claims and defenses as to any issue in the Action shall be preserved without prejudice.
- 9.9. In the event that the Stipulation is not approved by the Court or the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation is terminated or fails to become effective in accordance with its terms, the terms and provisions of this Stipulation, except as otherwise provided herein, shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties or the Released Parties and shall not be used in the Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.
- **9.10.** In the event the Stipulation shall be terminated, or be canceled, or is incapable of becoming effective for any reason, within 10 Business Days after the occurrence of such event, the Settlement Fund (less taxes already paid and any Administrative Costs which have

either been disbursed or are determined to be chargeable) shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to the entities that funded the Escrow Account, as applicable, plus accrued interest attributable to that amount, by check or wire transfer pursuant to written instructions from Defense Counsel. At the request of the Individual Defendants or the entities that funded the Escrow Account, the Escrow Agent or its designee shall apply for any tax refund owed on the Settlement Fund and pay the proceeds, after deduction of any fees or expenses incurred in connection with such application(s) for refund, to the Individual Defendants or the entities that funded the Escrow Account, as applicable, pursuant to written direction from the Individual Defendants or the entities that funded the Escrow Account.

**9.11.** No order of the Court or modification or reversal on appeal of any order of the Court or motion for reconsideration, appeal, petition for a writ of *certiorari* or its equivalent concerning the Plan of Allocation or the Fee and Expense Application shall in any way delay or preclude the Effective Date or constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of the Stipulation.

# 10. No Admission of Liability or Wrongdoing

10.1. The Parties covenant and agree that neither this Stipulation, whether or not consummated, (nor the Settlement contained therein), nor any of its terms and provisions, nor any of the negotiations, documents, or proceedings connected with them, is evidence, or an admission or concession by any Party or their counsel, any Class Member, or any of the Released Parties, of any fault, liability or wrongdoing whatsoever, as to any facts or claims alleged or asserted or could have been alleged or asserted in the Action, or any other actions or proceedings, or as to the validity or merit of any of the claims or defenses alleged or asserted in any such action or proceeding. This Stipulation is not a finding or evidence of the validity or invalidity of any claims or defenses alleged or asserted or could have been alleged or asserted in the Action, any wrongdoing by any

Party, Class Member, or any of the Released Parties, or any damages or injury to any Party, Class Member, or any Released Parties. Neither this Stipulation, nor any of the terms and provisions of this Stipulation, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings in connection therewith, nor any of the documents or statements referred to herein or therein, nor the Settlement, nor the fact of the Settlement, nor the Settlement proceedings, nor any statement in connection therewith, (a) shall (i) be argued to be, used or construed as, offered or received in evidence as, or otherwise constitute an admission, concession, presumption, proof, evidence, or a finding of any, liability, fault, wrongdoing, injury or damages, or of any wrongful conduct, acts or omissions on the part of any Released Party, or of any infirmity of any defense, or of any damages to Plaintiffs or any other Class Member, or (ii) otherwise be used to create or give rise to any inference or presumption against any of the Released Parties concerning any fact or any purported liability, fault, or wrongdoing of the Released Parties or any injury or damages to any person or entity, or (b) shall otherwise be admissible, referred to or used in any proceeding of any nature, for any purpose whatsoever, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation; provided, however, that this Stipulation, the documents related hereto, or the Final Judgment may be introduced in any proceeding, whether in the Court or otherwise, as may be necessary to enforce the Settlement or Final Judgment, to effectuate the liability protection granted them hereunder, to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, offset or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim, or as otherwise required by law.

10.2. Nothing in this Stipulation constitutes or reflects a waiver or release of any rights or claims of any Individual Defendant against their insurers, or insurers' subsidiaries,

predecessors, successors, assigns, affiliates, or representatives. Nothing in this Stipulation constitutes or reflects a waiver or release of any rights or claims relating to indemnification, advancement, or any undertakings by an indemnified party to repay amounts advanced or paid by way of indemnification or otherwise.

# 11. Nonparty FXCM Bankruptcy Filing

- 11.1. The Parties acknowledge that nonparty FXCM and certain affiliated entities may file petitions for relief under chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Cases") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court").
- 11.2. Provided that the Effective Date has not occurred and that Individual Defendants' insurers so require, within seven days of the filing of the Bankruptcy Cases, the Individual Defendants will file a motion in Bankruptcy Court seeking an order determining that consummation of the Settlement, include the use of the insurance proceeds to fund the Settlement Amount, does not violate the automatic stay under Section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

# 12. Miscellaneous Provisions

- **12.1.** Except in the event of the provision of a Termination Notice pursuant to ¶9 of this Stipulation, the Parties shall take all actions necessary to consummate this agreement; and agree to cooperate with each other to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of the Stipulation.
- **12.2.** The Parties and their counsel represent that they will not encourage or otherwise influence (or seek to influence) in any way whatsoever any Class Members to request exclusion from, or object to, the Settlement.

- **12.3.** Each of the attorneys executing this Stipulation, any of its exhibits, or any related settlement documents on behalf of any Party hereto hereby warrants and represents that he or she has been duly empowered and authorized to do so by the Party he or she represents.
- 12.4. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel represent and warrant that Plaintiffs are Class Members and none of Plaintiffs' claims or causes of action against one or more Defendants in the Action, or referred to in this Stipulation, or that could have been alleged against one or more Defendants in the Action have been assigned, encumbered or in any manner transferred in whole or in part.
- 12.5. This Stipulation constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties related to the Settlement and supersedes any prior agreements. No representations, warranties, promises, inducements or other statements have been made to or relied upon by any Party concerning this Stipulation, other than the representations, warranties and covenants expressly set forth herein. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Class, acknowledge and agree that any and all other representations and warranties of any kind or nature, express or implied, are specifically disclaimed and were not relied upon in connection with this Stipulation. In entering this Stipulation, the Parties relied solely upon their own knowledge and investigation. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear his, her, or its own costs.
- **12.6.** This Stipulation may not be modified or amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except by a writing signed by all Parties or their counsel or their respective successors in interest.
- **12.7.** This Stipulation shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the Parties and their respective agents, successors, executors, heirs, and assigns.

- **12.8.** The Released Parties who do not appear on the signature lines below are acknowledged and agreed to be third party beneficiaries of this Stipulation and Settlement.
- **12.9.** The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.
- **12.10.** This Stipulation may be executed in any number of counterparts by any of the signatories hereto and the transmission of an original signature page electronically (including by facsimile or portable document format) shall constitute valid execution of the Stipulation as if all signatories hereto had executed the same document. Copies of this Stipulation executed in counterpart shall constitute one agreement.
- **12.11.** This Stipulation, the Settlement, and any all disputes arising out of or relating in any way to this Stipulation, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without regard to conflict of laws principles.
- **12.12.** Any claim or dispute among the Parties arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the interpretation or implementation of the terms of the Stipulation prior to submission to the Court shall be mediated by Jed Melnick of JAMS prior to any disputes being raised with the Court.
- **12.13.** The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the implementation and enforcement of the terms of this Stipulation, and all Parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the Settlement embodied in this Stipulation.
- **12.14.** The Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that it is the result of arm's-length negotiations between

the Parties, and all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation.

12.15. Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, and the attorneys, staff, experts, and consultants assisting them in this Action agree that (a) they will not intentionally assist or cooperate with any person or entity in the pursuit of legal action related to the Released Claims against the Released Parties, (b) they will not intentionally assist or cooperate with any person or entity seeking to publicly disparage or economically harm the Released Parties with respect to any matter relating to the subject matter this Action, and (c) they will not discuss any confidential matters related to this Action or the Settlement with anyone, and (d) they will not make any accusations of wrongful or actionable conduct by any party concerning the prosecution, defense, and resolution of the Action, and shall not otherwise suggest that the settlement embodied in this Stipulation constitutes an admission of any claim or defense alleged. The Parties reserve their right to rebut, in a manner that such party determines to be appropriate, any contention made in any public forum regarding the Action, including that the Action was brought or defended in bad faith or without a reasonable basis.

12.16. All agreements by, between or among the Parties, their counsel and their other advisors as to the confidentiality of information exchanged between or among them shall remain in full force and effect, and shall survive the execution and any termination of this Stipulation and the final consummation of the Settlement, if finally consummated, without regard to any of the conditions of the Settlement.

12.17. The Parties shall not assert or pursue any action, claim or rights that any Party violated any provision of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and/or the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 in connection with the Action, the Settlement, or the

Stipulation. The Parties agree that the Action was resolved in good faith following arm's-length bargaining, in full compliance with applicable requirements of good faith litigation under the Exchange Act, Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and/or the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

- **12.18.** Any failure by any of the Parties to insist upon the strict performance by any other Party of any of the provisions of the Stipulation shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions hereof, and such Party, notwithstanding such failure, shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the strict performance of any and all of the provisions of this Stipulation to be performed by the other Parties to this Stipulation.
- **12.19.** The waiver, express or implied, by any Party of any breach or default by any other Party in the performance of such Party of its obligations under the Stipulation shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent, or contemporaneous, under this Stipulation.
- **12.20.** The Parties reserve the right, subject to the Court's approval, to make any reasonable extensions of time that might be necessary to carry out any of the provisions of this Stipulation.
- 12.21. Whether or not this Stipulation is approved by the Court and whether or not the settlement embodied in this Stipulation is consummated, the Parties and their counsel shall use their best efforts to keep all negotiations, discussions, acts performed, agreements, drafts, documents signed and proceedings had in connection with this Stipulation confidential. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree that this Stipulation may be filed publicly as part of any motion for preliminary or final approval of the settlement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have executed this Stipulation by their undersigned counsel effective as of the date set forth below.

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM Inc. Securities Litigation

Master File No. 1:17-cv-00916-RA-BCM

**CLASS ACTION** 

This Document Relates To: All Actions

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, Class Representatives Shipco Transport Inc. and E-Global Trade and Finance Group, Inc. ("Plaintiffs"), individually and on behalf of the Class, and Defendants Dror Niv and William Ahdout ("Individual Defendants," and together with Plaintiffs, the "Parties"), have entered into the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 1, 2023 ("Stipulation"), which is subject to review under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and which, together with the exhibits annexed thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions for the proposed settlement of the class action pending before the Court entitled *In re Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM Inc. Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 1:17-cv-916 (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Action"); and the Court having read and considered the Stipulation and the exhibits thereto and submissions made relating thereto, and finding that substantial and sufficient grounds exist for entering this Order; and the Parties having consented to the entry of this Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023, that:

- 1. Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings set forth in the Stipulation.
- 2. The Court finds that (a) the Stipulation resulted from good faith, arm's-length negotiations, and (b) the Stipulation is sufficiently fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Class Members to warrant providing notice of the Settlement to Class Members and holding a Settlement Hearing.
- 3. The Court hereby preliminarily approves the Settlement, subject to further consideration at a hearing ("Settlement Hearing") pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), which is hereby scheduled to be held before the Court on \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2023 at \_\_:\_\_\_\_.m., and may be conducted via telephonic or videoconference means at the Court's direction, for the following purposes:

- (a) to determine finally whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and should be approved by the Court;
- (b) to determine finally whether the Final Judgment, substantially in the form of Exhibit B to the Stipulation, should be entered, dismissing the Action on the merits and with prejudice, and to determine whether the release by the Releasing Parties of the Released Claims against the Released Parties, as set forth in the Stipulation, should be ordered, along with a permanent injunction barring efforts to prosecute or attempt to prosecute any Released Claims extinguished by the release against any of the Released Parties, as also set forth in the Stipulation;
- (c) to determine finally whether the proposed Plan of Allocation for the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund is fair and reasonable and should be approved by the Court;
- (d) to consider the application of Class Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses and award to Class Representatives;
- (e) to consider Class Members' objections to the Settlement, if any, whether submitted previously in writing or presented orally at the Settlement Hearing by Class Members (or by counsel on their behalf); and
  - (f) to rule upon such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.
- 4. The Court reserves the right to adjourn the Settlement Hearing to a later date and to approve the Settlement with or without modification and with or without further notice other than entry of an Order on the Court's docket. The Court may decide to hold the Settlement Hearing telephonically or by other virtual means without further notice. The Court further reserves the right to enter its Final Judgment approving the Settlement and dismissing the Action, on the merits and

with prejudice, regardless of whether it has approved the Plan of Allocation or awarded attorneys' fees and expenses.

- 5. The Court reserves the right to approve the Settlement with such modifications as may be agreed upon or consented to by the Parties and without further notice to the Class where to do so would not impair Class Members' rights in a manner inconsistent with Rule 23, other applicable rules or regulations, or due process of law.
- 6. The Court approves the form, substance, and requirements of (a) the Long Notice, (b) the Proof of Claim, (c) the Summary Notice, and (d) the Postcard Notice, all of which are exhibits to the Stipulation.
- 7. Class Counsel, on behalf of Plaintiffs, has the authority to enter into the Settlement on behalf of the Class and has the authority to act on behalf of the Class with respect to all acts or consents required by or that may be given pursuant to the Stipulation or such other acts that are reasonably necessary to consummate the Settlement.
- 8. Strategic Claims Services is appointed and approved as the Claims Administrator to supervise and administer the notice procedure as well as the processing of claims.
- 9. The Escrow Agent may, at any time after entry of this Order and without further approval from the Individual Defendants or the Court, disburse at the direction of Class Counsel up to \$250,000 from the Settlement Fund prior to the Effective Date to pay reasonable Administrative Costs. After the Effective Date, up to an additional \$150,000 may be transferred from the Settlement Fund to pay for any reasonable and necessary Administrative Costs without further order of the Court.
- 10. Within 20 Business Days of the entry of this Order, Class Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall either: (a) email links to the location of the Long Notice and Proof of

Claim, substantially in the form annexed to the Stipulation as Exhibit A-1 and Exhibit A-2, to Class Members for whom the Claims Administrator is able to obtain email addresses; or (b) if no electronic mail address can be obtained, cause the Postcard Notice, substantially in the form annexed to the Stipulation as Exhibit A-4, to be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to Class Members who can be identified with reasonable effort by Class Counsel, through the Claims Administrator.

11. Class Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall make all reasonable efforts to give notice to nominees or custodians who held Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. ("FXCM" or the "Company") securities during the Class Period as record owners but not as beneficial owners. Such nominees or custodians shall, within 10 days of receipt of the notice, either: (i) request copies of the Postcard Notice sufficient to send the Postcard Notice to all beneficial owners for whom they are nominee or custodian, and within 10 days after receipt thereof send copies to such beneficial owners; (ii) request links to the location of the Long Notice and Proof of Claim and email the links to each beneficial owner for whom they are nominee or custodian within ten days after receipt thereof; or (iii) provide the Claims Administrator with lists of the names, last known addresses and email addresses (to the extent known) of such beneficial owners, in which event the Claims Administrator shall promptly deliver the Postcard Notice to such beneficial owners. If the Claims Administrator receives an email address, it will send a link to the location of the Long Notice and Proof of Claim electronically. Nominees or custodians who elect to email links to the Long Notice and Proof of Claim or send the Postcard Notice to their beneficial owners shall send a written certification to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing or emailing has been made as directed. Copies of the Postcard Notice shall be made available to any nominee or custodian requesting same for the purpose of distribution to beneficial

owners. The Claims Administrator shall, if requested, reimburse nominees or custodians out of the Settlement Fund solely for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing notice to beneficial owners, which expenses would not have been incurred except for the providing names and addresses, of up to \$0.03 per name, address, and email address provided to the Claims Administrator; up to \$0.03 per unit for each Postcard Notice actually mailed, plus postage at the pre-sort rate used by the Claims Administrator; or up to \$0.03 per email notice sent, and subject to further order of this Court with respect to any dispute concerning such reimbursement.

- 12. Class Counsel shall, at least seven days before the Settlement Hearing, serve upon Defense Counsel and file with the Court proof of the mailing of the Postcard Notice as required by this Order.
- 13. Within 16 days of the entry of this Order, Class Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall cause the Stipulation and its exhibits, this Order, and a copy of the Long Notice and Proof of Claim to be posted on the Claims Administrator's website.
- 14. Class Counsel, through the Claims Administrator, shall cause the Summary Notice to be published electronically once on the *GlobeNewswire* and in print once in the *Investor's Business Daily* within 10 days after the Postcard Notice mailing or emailing links to the location of the Long Notice and Proof of Claim. Class Counsel shall, at least seven days before the Settlement Hearing, serve upon Defense Counsel and file with the Court proof of publication of the Summary Notice.
- 15. The forms and methods set forth herein of notifying the Class Members of the Settlement and its terms and conditions meet the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Section 21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995;

constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto. No Class Member will be relieved from the terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the releases provided for therein, based upon the contention or proof that such Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice.

- 16. In order to be entitled to participate in recovery from the Net Settlement Fund after the Effective Date, each Class Member shall take the following action and be subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) A properly completed and executed Proof of Claim must be submitted to the Claims Administrator: (i) electronically through the Claims Administrator's website, www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM, by 11:59 p.m. EST on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023; or (b) at the Post Office Box indicated in the Notice, postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 (30 days prior to the Settlement Hearing). Such deadline may be further extended by Order of the Court. Each Proof of Claim shall be deemed to have been submitted when: (a) the claim receives a confirmation notice from the Claims Administrator for electronic submissions; or (ii) legibly postmarked (if properly addressed and mailed by first class mail) provided such Proof of Claim is actually received before the filing of a motion for an Order of the Court approving distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Any Proof of Claim submitted in any other manner shall be deemed to have been submitted when it was actually received by the Claims Administrator at the address designated in the Notice.
  - (b) The Proof of Claim submitted by each Class Member must satisfy the following conditions: (i) it must be properly completed, signed and submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of the preceding subparagraph; (ii) it must be accompanied by adequate supporting documentation for the transactions reported therein,

in the form of broker confirmation slips, broker account statements, an authorized statement from the broker containing the transactional information found in a broker confirmation slip, or such other documentation as is deemed adequate by the Claims Administrator or Class Counsel; (iii) if the person executing the Proof of Claim is acting in a representative capacity, a certification of their current authority to act on behalf of the Class Member must be provided with the Proof of Claim; and (iv) the Proof of Claim must be complete and contain no material deletions or modifications of any of the printed matter contained therein and must be signed under penalty of perjury.

- Claim, it shall determine whether such claim is valid, deficient, or rejected. For each claim determined to be either deficient or rejected, the Claims Administrator shall send a deficiency letter or rejection letter as appropriate, describing the basis on which the claim was so determined. Persons who timely submit a Proof of Claim that is deficient or otherwise rejected shall be afforded a reasonable time (at least 10 days) to cure such deficiency, if it shall appear that such deficiency may be cured. If any Claimant whose claim has been rejected in whole or in part wishes to contest such rejection, the Claimant must, within 10 days after the date of mailing of the notice, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons indicating the Claimant's ground for contesting the rejection along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Court. If an issue concerning a claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Class Counsel shall thereafter present the request for review to the Court.
- (d) As part of the Proof of Claim, each Class Member shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the claim submitted, and shall, upon the Effective

Date, release all claims as provided in the Stipulation. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of the Action or the Settlement in connection with processing of the Proof of Claim, nor shall any discovery from or of the Individual Defendants be allowed on any topic.

- 17. All Class Members who do not submit valid and timely Proofs of Claim will be forever barred from receiving any payments from the Net Settlement Fund but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and the Judgment, if entered.
- Class Members shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in the Action 18. whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such Persons request exclusion from the Class in a timely and proper manner, as hereinafter provided. A Class Member wishing to make such request for exclusion from the Settlement shall mail it, in written form, by first class mail, postage prepaid, or otherwise deliver it, so that it is received no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 (21 days prior to the Settlement Hearing) ("Exclusion Deadline"), to the address listed in the Long Notice. In order to be valid, such request for exclusion must (A) indicate the name, address, phone number and e-mail contact information (if any) of the Person seeking exclusion, and state that the sender specifically "requests to be excluded from the Settlement of In re Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 1:17-cv-916 (S.D.N.Y.)" and (B) state the date, number of shares, and dollar amount of each purchase of FXCM common stock and, if applicable, each sale during the Class Period, as well as the number of shares of FXCM common stock held by the Person as of the opening and closing of the Class Period. In order to be valid, such request for exclusion must be submitted with documentary proof: (i) of each purchase and, if applicable, sale transaction of FXCM common stock during the Class Period; and (ii) demonstrating the Person's status as a beneficial owner of the FXCM common stock. Any such request for exclusion must be

signed and submitted by the beneficial owner under penalty of perjury. The request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides the required information, is legible, and is made within the time stated above, or the exclusion is otherwise accepted by the Court. Class Counsel may contact any Person filing a request for exclusion, or their attorney if one is designated, to discuss the request for exclusion.

- 19. The Claims Administrator shall provide all requests for exclusion and supporting documentation submitted therewith (including untimely requests and revocations of requests) to counsel for the Parties as soon as possible and no later than the Exclusion Deadline or upon the receipt thereof (if later than the Exclusion Deadline). The Class will not include any Person who delivers a valid and timely request for exclusion that has not been thereafter revoked.
- 20. Any Person that submits a request for exclusion may thereafter submit to the Claims Administrator a written revocation of that request for exclusion, provided that it is received no later than two Business Days before the Settlement Hearing, in which event that Person will be included in the Class.
- 21. All Persons who submit a valid, timely and unrevoked request for exclusion will be forever barred from receiving any payments from the Net Settlement Fund.
- 22. The Court will consider comments and/or objections to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the Fee and Expense Application, provided, however, that no Class Member or other Person shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the Fee and Expense Application, or any other order relating thereto, unless, at least 21 days prior to the Settlement Hearing Date, that Person has: (a) filed said objections, papers, and briefs, and proof of service upon counsel identified below with the Clerk of the Court, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S.

Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007; and (b) served copies of any objections, papers and briefs on each of the following counsel:

CLASS COUNSEL:
THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Phillip Kim
275 Madison Avenue, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor
New York, NY 10016

COUNSEL FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

DEFENDANTS:

KING & SPALDING LLP

Israel Dahan

1185 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10036

23. To be valid, any such objection must contain the Class Member's: (1) name, address, and telephone number; (2) a list of all purchases and sales of FXCM common stock during the Class Period in order to show membership in the Class; (3) all grounds for the objection, including any legal support known to the Class Member and/or their counsel; (4) the name, address and telephone number of all counsel who represent the Class Member, including former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation in connection with the objection; and (5) the number of times the Class Member and/or their counsel has filed an objection to a class action settlement in the last five years, the nature of each such objection in each case, the jurisdiction in each case, and the name of the issuer of the security or seller of the product or service at issue in each case. Attendance at the Settlement Hearing is not necessary, but Persons wishing to be heard orally in opposition to the approval of the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Fee and Expense Application are required to indicate in their written objection (or in a separate writing that is submitted in accordance with the deadline and instructions pertinent to the submission of a written objection) that they intend to appear at the Settlement Hearing and identify any witnesses they may call to testify or exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing. Class Members do not need to appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

- 24. Any Class Member who does not object in the manner prescribed above shall be deemed to have waived all such objections and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection to the fairness, adequacy, or reasonableness of the Settlement, the Judgment to be entered approving the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Fee and Expense Application, unless otherwise ordered by the Court; shall be bound by all the terms and provisions of the Stipulation and by all proceedings, orders and judgments in the Action; and shall also be foreclosed from appealing from any judgment or order entered in this Action.
- 25. All papers in support of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Fee and Expense Application shall be filed and served no later than 28 days before the Settlement Hearing.
- 26. Any submissions filed in response to any objections or in further support of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Fee and Expense Application shall be filed no later than 14 days prior to the Settlement Hearing.
- 27. The Individual Defendants, their counsel, and other Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, or liability with respect to, the Plan of Allocation or any application for attorneys' fees and interest, or expenses or payments to the Class Representatives submitted by Class Counsel, and such matters will be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement.
- 28. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, all Releasing Parties shall be enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, or attempting to prosecute any Released Claims against any Released Party in any court or tribunal or proceeding. Unless and until the Stipulation is cancelled and terminated pursuant to the Stipulation, all proceedings in the Action, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, are hereby stayed and suspended until further order of the Court.

- 29. All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed and considered to be in the custody of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed or returned pursuant to the Stipulation and Plan of Allocation and/or further order(s) of the Court.
- 30. Neither the Stipulation, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, shall be construed as an admission or concession by the Individual Defendants, their counsel, or any of the other Released Parties of the truth of any of the allegations in the Action, or of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind and shall not be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, or an admission or concession that Class Representatives or any Class Members directly have suffered any damages, harm, or loss. Further, neither the Stipulation, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, nor this Order shall be construed as an admission or concession by Class Representatives of the validity of any factual or legal defense or of the infirmity of any of the claims or facts alleged in the Action.
- 31. In the event the Settlement is not consummated in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, then the Stipulation and this Order (including any amendment(s) thereof, and except as expressly provided in the Stipulation or by order of the Court) shall be null and void, of no further force or effect, and without prejudice to any Party, and may not be introduced as evidence or used in any action or proceeding by any Person against the Parties or the Released Parties, and each Party shall be restored to his, her, or its respective litigation positions as they existed prior to December 23, 2022, pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation.
- 32. The Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over the Action to consider all further matters arising out of, or relating to, the Stipulation, including by way of illustration and not

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EXHIBIT A

limitation, any dispute concerning any Proof of Claim submitted and any future requests by one or more of the Parties that the Judgment, the releases and/or the permanent injunction set forth in the Stipulation be enforced.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023

HON. RONNIE ABRAMS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM Inc. Securities Litigation

Master File No. 1:17-cv-00916-RA-BCM

**CLASS ACTION** 

This Document Relates To: All Actions

NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

If you purchased Class A common stock of Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. ("FXCM" or the "Company") during the period from March 15, 2012 through February 6, 2017, both dates inclusive ("Class Period"), you could get a payment from a proposed class action settlement ("Settlement").

*Under law, a federal court has authorized this Notice. This is not attorney advertising.* 

- If approved by the Court, the Settlement will provide \$6,500,000 ("Settlement Amount"), plus interest as it accrues, minus attorneys' fees, costs, administrative expenses, and net of any taxes on interest, to pay claims of investors who purchased FXCM common stock during the Class Period.
- The approximate recovery, after deduction of attorneys' fees and expenses approved by the Court, is an average of \$0.66 per damaged share of FXCM common stock. This estimate is based on the assumptions set forth in the following two paragraphs. Your actual recovery, if any, will depend on the aggregate losses of all Class Members, the date(s) you purchased and sold FXCM common stock and sale prices, and the total number and amount of claims filed.
- Attorneys for Plaintiffs ("Class Counsel") intend to ask the Court to award them fees of up to one third of the Settlement Amount, or \$2,166,666.67, reimbursement of litigation expenses of no more than \$850,000, and awards to Class Representatives of \$20,000 for Lead Plaintiff Shipco Transport Inc. and \$15,000 for Plaintiff E-Global Trade and Finance Group, Inc., or \$35,000 total. Collectively, the attorneys' fees and expenses and award to Plaintiffs are estimated to average \$0.59 per damaged share of FXCM common stock. If approved by the Court, these amounts will be paid from the Settlement Fund.
- The Settlement represents an estimated average recovery of \$1.25 per damaged share of FXCM common stock for the approximately 5.2 million damaged shares during the Class Period. Shares may have been traded more than once during the Class Period. This estimate solely reflects the average recovery per damaged share of FXCM common stock. The indicated average recovery per share will be the total average recovery for all purchasers of that share. This is not an estimate of the actual recovery per share you should expect. Your actual recovery will depend on the aggregate losses of all Class Members, the date(s) you purchased and sold FXCM common stock, and the total number of claims filed.
- The Settlement resolves the Action concerning whether FXCM and Dror Niv and William Ahdout (the "Individual Defendants") violated the federal securities laws by making misrepresentations and/or omissions of material fact in various filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or in other public statements to investors. Individual Defendants and FXCM deny each and every claim and contention alleged in the Action and deny any misconduct or wrongdoing whatsoever, including by any of FXCM's officers, directors, or employees.
- Your legal rights will be affected whether you act or do not act. If you do not act, you may
  permanently forfeit your right to recover on this claim. Therefore, you should read this
  Notice carefully.

#### YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM NO LATER THAN, 2023	The only way to get a payment.
EXCLUDE YOURSELF NO LATER THAN	Get no payment. This is the only option that allows you to ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Individual Defendants and FXCM about the legal claims in this case.
OBJECT NO LATER THAN, 2023	Write to the Court and explain why you object to the Settlement.
GO TO A HEARING ON	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement.
DO NOTHING	Get no payment. Give up rights.

# **INQUIRIES**

**Please do not contact the Court regarding this Notice.** All inquiries concerning this Notice, the Proof of Claim and Release Form, or any other questions by Class Members should be directed to:

Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc.		Phillip Kim
Securities Litigation		THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
c/o Strategic Claims Services		275 Madison Avenue, 40 <sup>th</sup> Floor
P.O. Box 230	OR	New York, NY 10016
600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205		Tel: 212-686-1060
Media, PA 19063		Fax: 212-202-3827
Tel.: 866-274-4004		Email: pkim@rosenlegal.com
Fax: 610-565-7985		
info@strategicclaims.net		

# **DEFINITIONS**

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 1, 2023 ("Stipulation").

#### COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT

#### 1. Why did I get this Notice?

You or someone in your family may have purchased FXCM common stock between March 15, 2012 and February 6, 2017, both dates inclusive.

#### 2. What is this lawsuit about?

The case is known as *In re Global Brokerage*, *Inc. f/k/a FXCM Inc. Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 1:17-cv-916-RA-BCM (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Action"). The Action is pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The Action involves Plaintiffs' allegations that the Individual Defendants and FXCM violated Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, by knowingly misleading investors in Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings and other public statements by falsely claiming that its customers who transacted on FXCM's "No Dealing Desk" ("NDD") platform would be free from conflicts of interest because FXCM would not be on the other side of the trade or have any financial interest in the trade, when, in fact, FXCM had an undisclosed financial interest in the market maker that consistently "won" the largest share of FXCM's NDD trading volume. On February 6, 2017, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and National Futures Association ("NFA") announced a regulatory settlement, and that they found that FXCM and Individual Defendants had engaged in false and misleading solicitations of FXCM's retail foreign exchange customers by concealing its conflict of interest. FXCM and Individual Defendants did not admit to any alleged wrongdoing as part of the settlement. The settlement imposed a civil penalty of \$7 million and prohibited the company from operating in the United States. Plaintiffs allege that upon this news, FXCM securities lost half of their value, damaging FXCM investors. Defendants have denied and continue to deny the allegations in the Complaint and all charges of wrongdoing or liability against FXCM or any of its officers, directors, or employees. The Settlement shall in no event be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, an admission or concession by any of the Defendants with respect to any claim or any fault or wrongdoing or damage to the Class Members or any other person. The Settlement resolves all of the claims in the Action, as well as certain other claims or potential claims.

# 3. Why is this a class action?

In a class action, one or more persons and/or entities, called plaintiffs, sue on behalf of all persons and/or entities who have similar claims. All of these persons and/or entities are referred to collectively as a class, and these individual persons and/or entities are known as class members. One court resolves all of the issues for all class members, except for those class members who exclude themselves from the class.

# 4. Why is there a Settlement?

Plaintiffs and the Individual Defendants do not agree regarding the merits of Plaintiffs' allegations and the Individual Defendants' defenses with respect to liability or the amount of damages per share, if any, that would be recoverable if Plaintiffs were to prevail at trial on each claim. The issues on which Plaintiffs and the Individual Defendants disagree include: (1) whether the Individual Defendants made any statements or omissions that were materially false or misleading or otherwise actionable under federal securities law; (2) whether certain the Individual Defendants acted with scienter; (3) to the extent any statements or omissions were materially false or misleading, whether any subsequent disclosures corrected any prior false or misleading statements or omissions by the Individual Defendants; (4) the causes of the loss in the value of the stock; and (5) the amount of damages, if any, that could be recovered at trial.

This matter has not gone to trial. Instead, Plaintiffs and the Individual Defendants have agreed to settle the case. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe the Settlement is best for all Class Members because of the risks associated with continued litigation and the nature of the defenses the Individual Defendants would raise. Among the reasons that Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe the Settlement is fair is the fact that there is uncertainty about whether they would be able to prove their claims at trial, and whether they will be able to prove that the alleged misstatements and omissions actually caused the Class any damages, and the amount of damages, if any.

Even if Plaintiffs were to win at trial, and also prevail on any on appeal brought by the Individual Defendants, Plaintiffs might not be able to collect some, or all, of any judgment the class would be awarded. Moreover, litigation of this type is usually expensive, and it appears that, even if Plaintiffs' allegations were eventually found to be true, the total amount of damages to which Class Members would be entitled could be substantially reduced.

# 5. How do I know if I am part of the Settlement?

The Class consists of those Persons who purchased FXCM common stock from March 15, 2012 through February 6, 2017, both dates inclusive.

# **6.** Are there exceptions to being included?

Yes. Excluded from the Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) current and former officers, employees, consultants and directors of FXCM and FXCM Holdings, LLC; (iii) siblings, parents, children, spouses, and household members of any person excluded under (i) and (ii); (iv) any entities affiliated with, controlled by, or more than 5% owned by, any person excluded under (i) through (iii); and (v) the legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns of any person excluded under (i) through (iv). Also excluded from the Class are persons who file valid and timely requests for exclusion from the Class.

#### 7. I am still not sure whether I am included.

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can ask for free help. For more information, you can contact the Claims Administrator, Strategic Claims Services, by

phone at (866) 274-4004 or by facsimile at (610) 565-7985, visit the website www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM, or fill out and return the Proof of Claim and Release Form described in Question 9, to see if you qualify.

# **8.** What does the Settlement provide?

#### a. What is the Settlement Fund?

The proposed Settlement provides that the Individual Defendants pay \$6,500,000 into a Settlement Fund. The Settlement is subject to Court approval. Also, subject to the Court's approval, a portion of the Settlement Fund will be used to pay attorneys' fees and reasonable litigation expenses to Class Counsel and any Award to the Plaintiffs. A portion of the Settlement Fund also will be used to pay taxes due on interest earned by the Settlement Fund, if necessary, and the costs of the claims administration, including the costs of printing and mailing this Notice and the costs of publishing notice. After the foregoing deductions from the Settlement Fund have been made, the amount remaining ("Net Settlement Fund") will be distributed according to the Plan of Allocation to be approved by the Court to Class Members who submit timely, valid Proofs of Claim.

#### b. What can you expect to receive under the proposed Settlement?

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will or may depend on: (i) the number of claims filed; (ii) the dates you purchased and sold FXCM common stock; (iii) the prices of your purchases and sales; (iv) the amount of administrative costs, including the costs of notice; and (v) the amounts awarded by the Court to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses and any awards to Plaintiffs.

The Claims Administrator will determine each Class Member's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Class Member's valid "Recognized Loss." The Recognized Loss formula is not intended to be an estimate of the amount that a Class Member might have been able to recover after a trial; it also is not an estimate of the amount that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. The Recognized Loss formula is the basis upon which the Net Settlement Fund will be proportionately allocated to the Class Members with valid claims.

The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Class Members who submit a Proof of Claim and whose claims for recovery are allowed by the Claims Administrator pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation or by order of the Court under the below Plan of Allocation ("Authorized Claimants"), which reflects Plaintiffs' contention that because of the alleged misrepresentations made by the Individual Defendants, the price of FXCM common stock was artificially inflated during the relevant period and that certain subsequent disclosures caused changes in the inflated price of FXCM common stock. The Individual Defendants have denied these allegations.

#### **PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION**

The Plan of Allocation is a matter separate and apart from the proposed Settlement, and any decision by the Court concerning the Plan of Allocation shall not affect the validity or finality of the proposed Settlement. The Court may approve the Plan of Allocation with or

without modifications agreed to among the Parties, or another plan of allocation, without further notice to Class Members. Any orders regarding a modification of the Plan of Allocation will be posted to the Claims Administrator's website: www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM.

To the extent there are sufficient funds in the Net Settlement Fund, each Authorized Claimant will receive an amount equal to the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss and subject to the provisions in the preceding paragraph. If, however, the amount in the Net Settlement Fund is not sufficient to permit payment of the total Recognized Loss of each Authorized Claimant, then each Authorized Claimant shall be paid the percentage of the Net Settlement Fund that each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss bears to the total Recognized Losses of all Authorized Claimants and subject to the provisions in the preceding paragraph (*i.e.*, "pro rata share"). No distribution will be made on a claim where the potential distribution amount is less than ten dollars (\$10.00) in cash.

If any funds remain in the Net Settlement Fund by reason of uncashed checks, or otherwise, after the Claims Administrator has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants who are entitled to participate in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund cash their distribution checks, then any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund six months after the initial distribution of such funds shall be used: (i) first, to pay any amounts mistakenly omitted from the initial distribution to Authorized Claimants; (ii) second, to pay any additional Notice and Administration Costs incurred in administering the Settlement; and (iii) finally, to make a second distribution to Authorized Claimants who cashed their checks from the initial distribution and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such second distribution, after payment of the estimated costs or fees to be incurred in administering the Net Settlement Fund and in making this second distribution, if such second distribution is economically feasible. Six months after such second distribution, if undertaken, or if such second distribution is not undertaken, any funds shall remain in the Net Settlement Fund after the Claims Administrator has made reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants who are entitled to participate in this Settlement cash their checks, any funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund shall be donated to a nonprofit charitable organization(s) selected by Class Counsel.

#### THE BASIS FOR CALCULATING YOUR RECOGNIZED LOSS

Each Authorized Claimant shall be allocated a *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based on their Recognized Loss as compared to the total Recognized Losses of all Authorized Claimants. Recognized Losses will be calculated as follows:

Recognized Loss for the FXCM's Class A common stock purchased during the Class Period will be calculated as follows<sup>1</sup>:

A. For shares retained at the end of trading on May 5, 2017, the Recognized Loss shall be the lesser of:

<sup>1</sup> On October 1, 2015 FXCM completed a 1-for-10 reverse stock split for its Class A common stock such that for every 10 pre-split shares, the post-split shareholder would own 1 share. All Recognized Loss calculations will be done on a post-split basis.

- (i) \$3.39 per share; or
- (ii) the difference between the purchase price per share and \$2.33 per share.<sup>2</sup>
- B. For shares sold on or before February 6, 2017, the Recognized Loss per share shall be \$0.
- C. For shares sold between February 7, 2017 and May 5, 2017, inclusive, the Recognized Loss shall be the lesser of:
  - (i) \$3.39 per share: or
  - (ii) the difference between the purchase price per share and the average closing price per share as of date of sale provided in Table A below.

Table A

Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price	<u>Date</u>	Closing Price	Average Closing Price
2/7/2017	\$3.45	\$3.45	3/23/2017	\$1.90	\$2.45
2/8/2017	\$2.90	\$3.18	3/24/2017	\$2.15	\$2.44
2/9/2017	\$3.00	\$3.12	3/27/2017	\$2.25	\$2.44
2/10/2017	\$2.90	\$3.06	3/28/2017	\$2.50	\$2.44
2/13/2017	\$2.90	\$3.03	3/29/2017	\$2.50	\$2.44
2/14/2017	\$2.80	\$2.99	3/30/2017	\$2.55	\$2.44
2/15/2017	\$2.85	\$2.97	3/31/2017	\$2.70	\$2.45
2/16/2017	\$2.95	\$2.97	4/3/2017	\$2.50	\$2.45
2/17/2017	\$2.90	\$2.96	4/4/2017	\$2.25	\$2.45

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Pursuant to Section 21(D)(e)(1) of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, "in any private action arising under this title in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated." \$2.33 per share was the mean (average) daily closing trading price of the Company's common stock during the 90-day period beginning on February 7, 2017 and ending on May 5, 2017.

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2/21/2017	\$2.80	\$2.95	4/5/2017	\$2.20	\$2.44
2/22/2017	\$2.85	\$2.94	4/6/2017	\$2.15	\$2.43
2/23/2017	\$2.75	\$2.92	4/7/2017	\$2.00	\$2.42
2/24/2017	\$2.80	\$2.91	4/10/2017	\$2.15	\$2.42
2/27/2017	\$2.90	\$2.91	4/11/2017	\$2.30	\$2.41
2/28/2017	\$2.75	\$2.90	4/12/2017	\$2.20	\$2.41
3/1/2017	\$2.60	\$2.88	4/13/2017	\$2.18	\$2.41
3/2/2017	\$2.60	\$2.86	4/17/2017	\$2.25	\$2.40
3/3/2017	\$2.50	\$2.84	4/18/2017	\$2.20	\$2.40
3/6/2017	\$2.27	\$2.81	4/19/2017	\$2.20	\$2.39
3/7/2017	\$2.31	\$2.79	4/20/2017	\$2.10	\$2.39
3/8/2017	\$2.30	\$2.77	4/21/2017	\$2.10	\$2.38
3/9/2017	\$2.33	\$2.75	4/24/2017	\$2.15	\$2.38
3/10/2017	\$2.30	\$2.73	4/25/2017	\$2.20	\$2.37
3/13/2017	\$2.05	\$2.70	4/26/2017	\$2.15	\$2.37
3/14/2017	\$2.05	\$2.67	4/27/2017	\$2.00	\$2.36
3/15/2017	\$1.75	\$2.64	4/28/2017	\$2.10	\$2.36
3/16/2017	\$1.71	\$2.60	5/1/2017	\$2.05	\$2.35
3/17/2017	\$1.45	\$2.56	5/2/2017	\$2.05	\$2.35
3/20/2017	\$1.45	\$2.52	5/3/2017	\$2.00	\$2.34
3/21/2017	\$1.65	\$2.49	5/4/2017	\$2.05	\$2.34
3/22/2017	\$1.75	\$2.47	5/5/2017	\$1.95	\$2.33

To the extent a claimant had a trading gain or "broke even" from their overall transactions in the Company's shares during the Class Period, the value of the Recognized Loss will be zero, and the claimant will not be entitled to a share of the Net Settlement Fund. To the

extent that a claimant suffered a trading loss on their overall transactions in the Company's shares during the Class Period, but that trading loss was less than the Recognized Loss calculated above, then the Recognized Loss shall be limited to the amount of the claimant's actual trading loss. On October 1, 2015, FXCM completed a 1-for-10 reverse stock split for its Class A common stock. All calculations will be done on a post-split basis.

For purposes of calculating your Recognized Loss, the date of purchase, acquisition or sale is the "contract" or "trade" date and not the "settlement" or "payment" date. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance or operation of law of the Company shares shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition or sale of shares for the calculation of an Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss. The covering purchase of a short sale is not an eligible purchase.

For purposes of calculating your Recognized Loss, all purchases, acquisitions and sales shall be matched on a First In First Out ("FIFO") basis in chronological order. Therefore, on the Proof of Claim and Release Form enclosed with this Notice, you must provide all of your purchases, acquisitions and sales of the Company shares during the time period March 15, 2012 through and including May 5, 2017.

Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against the Individual Defendants, FXCM, Defense Counsel, Plaintiffs, Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator or other agent designated by Class Counsel based on the distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation and the Settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court. Each claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the claimant's Proof of Claim. All persons involved in the review, verification, calculation, tabulation, or any other aspect of the processing of the claims submitted in connection with the Settlement, or otherwise involved in the administration or taxation of the Settlement Fund or the Net Cash Settlement Amount shall be released and discharged from any and all claims arising out of such involvement, and all Class Members, whether or not they are to receive payment from the Net Cash Settlement Amount, will be barred from making any further claim against the Net Settlement Fund beyond the amount allocated to them as provided in any distribution orders entered by the Court.

## 9. How can I get a payment?

To qualify for a payment, you must send in a form entitled "Proof of Claim and Release Form." This form is attached to this Notice. You may also obtain this form on the Settlement website at www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM. Read the instructions carefully, fill out the form, sign it in the location indicated. The Proof of Claim and Release Form may be completed in two ways: (1) by completing and submitting it electronically at www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM by 11:59 p.m. EST on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023; or (2) by mailing the claim form together with all documentation requested in the form, postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023, to the Claims Administrator at:

Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation c/o Strategic Claims Services 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205

P.O. Box 230 Media, PA 19063 Fax: 610-565-7985 info@strategicclaims.net

The Claims Administrator will process your claim and determine whether you are an Authorized Claimant.

### 10. What am I giving up to get a payment or stay in the Class?

Unless you exclude yourself from the Class by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 deadline, you will remain a member of the Class and will be bound by the release of claims against the Individual Defendants, FXCM, and other Released Parties if the Settlement is approved. That means you and all other Class Members and each of their respective parent entities, associates, affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, attorneys, immediate family members, heirs, representatives, administrators, executors, devisees, legatees, and estates will release (agreeing never to sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit) as against the Individual Defendants, FXCM and other Released Parties any and all claims which arise out of, are based upon or relate in any way to the purchase of FXCM common stock during the Class Period. It means that all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. That means you will accept a share of the Net Settlement Fund as the sole compensation for any losses you suffered in the purchase or sale of FXCM common stock during the Class Period. The specific terms of the release are included in the Stipulation.

### 11. How do I exclude myself from the Settlement?

If you do not want to receive a payment from this Settlement, and you want to keep any right you may have to sue or continue to sue the Individual Defendants, FXCM or other Released Parties on your own about the claims being released in this Settlement, then you must take steps to exclude yourself from the Settlement. To exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must mail a letter that: (A) clearly indicates your name, address, phone number and e-mail contact information (if any) and states that you "request to be excluded from the Class in In re Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 1:17-cv-916 (S.D.N.Y.);" (B) states the date, number of shares and dollar amount of each FXCM common stock purchase during the Class Period, and any sale transactions; and (C) states the number of shares of FXCM common stock held by you as of the opening and closing of the Class Period. To be valid, such request for exclusion must be submitted with documentary proof (i) of each purchase and, if applicable, sale transaction of FXCM common stock during the Class Period, and (ii) demonstrating your status as a beneficial owner of the FXCM common stock. Any such request for exclusion must be signed and submitted by you, as the beneficial owner, under penalty of perjury. Claims Administrator at the following address:

Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation c/o Strategic Claims Services 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205 P.O. Box 230 Media, PA 19063

You cannot exclude yourself by telephone or by e-mail.

If you properly exclude yourself, you will not receive a payment from the Net Settlement Fund, you cannot object to the Settlement, and you will not be legally bound by the Final Judgment in this case.

# 12. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue the Individual Defendants and/or FXCM for the same thing later?

No. Unless you followed the procedure outlined in this Notice and the Court's Preliminary Approval Order to exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue the Individual Defendants, FXCM, or other Released Parties for the claims being released in this Settlement. If you have a pending lawsuit related to any Released Claims, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately, since you must exclude yourself from this Class to continue your own lawsuit.

### 13. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court appointed The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. as Class Counsel, to represent you and the other Class Members. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. Contact information for The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. is provided above.

#### 14. How will the lawyers be paid?

Class Counsel have expended considerable time litigating this action on a contingent fee basis and have paid for the expenses of the case themselves. They have not been paid attorneys' fees or reimbursed for their expenses in advance of this Settlement. Class Counsel have done so with the expectation that, if they are successful in recovering money for the Class, they will receive attorneys' fees and be reimbursed for their litigation expenses from the Settlement Fund, as is customary in this type of litigation, Class Counsel will not receive attorneys' fees or be reimbursed for their litigation expenses except from the Settlement Fund. Therefore, Class Counsel will file a motion asking the Court at the Settlement Hearing to make an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed one third of the Settlement, or \$2,166,666.67, for reimbursement of reasonable litigation expenses not to exceed \$850,000, and awards to Class Representatives of \$20,000 for Lead Plaintiff Shipco Transport Inc. and \$15,000 for Plaintiff E-Global Trade and Finance Group, Inc., or \$35,000 total. The Court may award less than these amounts. Any amounts awarded by the Court will come out of the Settlement Fund. Pursuant to S.D.N.Y. Local Rule 23.1, Class Counsel intends to share part of any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court with Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP in accordance with its contribution. prosecution, and resolution of the Action.

# 15. How do I tell the Court that I object to the Settlement?

You can tell the Court you do not agree with the Settlement, any part of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and expenses, or application for an Award to Plaintiffs, and that you think the Court should not approve any or all of the foregoing, by mailing a letter stating that you object to the Settlement in the matter of In re Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 1:17cv-916 (S.D.N.Y.). Be sure to include (1) your name, address, and telephone number, (2) a list of all purchases and sales of FXCM common stock during the Class Period in order to show membership in the Class, (3) all grounds for the objection, including any legal support known to you or your counsel, (4) the name, address and telephone number of all counsel, if any, who represent you, and (5) the number of times you and/or your counsel has filed an objection to a class action settlement in the last five years, the nature of each such objection in each case, the jurisdiction in each case, and the name of the issuer of the security or seller of the product or service at issue in each case. Attendance at the Settlement Hearing is not necessary. Objectors wishing to be heard orally at the Settlement Hearing are required to indicate in their written objection (or in a separate writing that is submitted in accordance with the deadline and after instruction pertinent to the submission of a written objection) that they intend to appear at the Settlement Hearing and identify any witnesses they may call to testify or exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing. Be sure to serve copies of any objections, papers and briefs to each of 

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# 16. What is the difference between objecting and requesting exclusion?

Objecting is simply telling the Court you do not like something about the Settlement or some portion thereof. You can object only if you stay in the Class. Requesting exclusion is telling the Court you do not want to be part of the Class and Settlement. If you exclude yourself, you cannot object to the Settlement because it no longer concerns you. If you stay in the Class and object, but your objection is overruled, you will not be allowed a second opportunity to exclude yourself.

<b>17.</b>	17. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?			
	The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing on			
	At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and whether to approve the Settlement. If there are objections, the Court will consider them, and the Court will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court may also decide whether to approve the Plan of Allocation, as well as how much to pay Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and expenses and how much to award to Plaintiffs.			
18.	Do I have to come to the hearing?			
	No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. However, you a welcome to attend at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to conto Court to talk about it. As long as you mail your written objection on time, the Court w consider it.			
19. What happens if I do nothing at all?  If you do nothing, you will not receive a payment from the Settlement. However you exclude yourself, you will not be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsu part of any other lawsuit against the Individual Defendants, FXCM or the Released about the Released Claims (as defined in the Stipulation) ever again.				
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<i></i>	BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES			

DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN

DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

#### PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM

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Deadline for Submission:
IF YOU PURCHASED GLOBAL BROKERAGE, INC F/K/A FXCM, INC. ("FXCM" OR THE "COMPANY") PUBLICLY-TRADED CLASS A COMMON STOCK DURING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 15, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2017, BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE ("CLASS PERIOD"), YOU ARE A "CLASS MEMBER" AND YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO SHARE IN THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS. (EXCLUDED FROM THE CLASS ARE (i) DEFENDANTS; (ii) CURRENT AND FORMER OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, CONSULTANTS AND DIRECTORS OF FXCM AND FXCM HOLDINGS, LLC; (iii) SIBLINGS, PARENTS, CHILDREN, SPOUSES, AND HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OF ANY PERSON EXCLUDED UNDER (i) AND (ii); (iv) ANY ENTITIES AFFILIATED WITH, CONTROLLED BY, OR MORE THAN 5% OWNED BY, ANY PERSON EXCLUDED UNDER (i) THROUGH (iii); AND (v)
THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF ANY PERSON EXCLUDED UNDER (i) THROUGH (iv). ALSO EXCLUDED ARE THOSE WHO VALIDLY OPT-OUT.).
IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM ("PROOF OF CLAIM") IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SETTLEMENT BENEFITS. YOU CAN COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS PROOF OF CLAIM BY 11:59 P.M. EST ON, 2023 AT WWW.STRATEGICCLAIMS.NET/FXCM.
IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND MAIL IT BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN, 2023 TO STRATEGIC CLAIMS SERVICES, THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation c/o Strategic Claims Services 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205 P.O. Box 230 Media, PA 19063 Tel.: 866-274-4004

Fax: 610-565-7985 info@strategicclaims.net

SUBMISSION OF A PROOF OF CLAIM DOES NOT ASSURE THAT YOU WILL SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF THE SETTLEMENT.

#### **CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT**

- 1. I (we) purchased Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. ("FXCM" or the "Company") publicly-traded Class A Common Stock during the Class Period. (Do not submit this Proof of Claim if you did not purchase FXCM common stock during the Class Period.)
- 2. By submitting this Proof of Claim, I (we) state that I (we) believe in good faith that I am (we are) a Class Member(s) as defined above or am (are) acting for such person(s); that I am (we are) not a Defendant(s) in the Action or anyone excluded from the Class; that I (we) have read and understand the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice"); that I (we) believe that I am (we are) entitled to receive a share of the Net Settlement Fund; that I (we) elect to participate in the proposed Settlement; and that I (we) have not filed a request for exclusion. (If you are acting in a representative capacity on behalf of a Class Member [e.g., as an executor, administrator, trustee, or other representative], you must submit evidence of your current authority to act on behalf of that Class Member. Such evidence would include, for example, letters testamentary, letters of administration, or a copy of the trust documents.)
- 3. I (we) consent to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to all questions concerning the validity of this Proof of Claim. I (we) understand and agree that my (our) claim may be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to my (our) status as a Class Member(s) and the validity and amount of my (our) claim. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of the Action or Settlement in connection with processing of the Proof of Claim.
- 4. I (we) have set forth where requested below all relevant information with respect to each purchase of FXCM common stock during the Class Period, and each sale, if any, of the same. I (we) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if requested to do so.
- 5. I (we) have enclosed photocopies of the stockbroker's confirmation slips, stockbroker's statements, or other documents evidencing each purchase and sale of FXCM common stock listed below in support of my (our) claim. (IF ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IN YOUR POSSESSION, PLEASE OBTAIN A COPY OR EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS FROM YOUR BROKER OR TAX ADVISOR BECAUSE THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO PROVE AND PROCESS YOUR CLAIM.)
- 6. I (we) understand that the information contained in this Proof of Claim is subject to such verification as the Claims Administrator may request or as the Court may direct, and I (we) agree to cooperate in any such verification. (The information requested herein is designed to provide the minimum amount of information necessary to process most simple claims. The Claims Administrator may request additional information as required to efficiently and reliably calculate your Recognized Loss. In some cases, the Claims Administrator may condition acceptance of the claim upon the production of additional information, including, where applicable, information concerning transactions in any derivative securities, such as options.)
- 7. Upon the occurrence of the Court's approval of the Settlement, I (we) agree and acknowledge that my (our) signature(s) hereto shall effect and constitute a full and complete release, remise and discharge by me (us) and my (our) parent entities, associates, affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, attorneys, immediate family members, heirs, representatives, administrators, executors, devisees, legatees, and estates (or, if I am (we are) submitting this Proof of Claim on behalf of a corporation, a partnership, estate or one or more other persons, by it, him, her or them, and by its, his, her or their parent entities, associates, affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, attorneys, immediate family members, heirs, representatives, administrators, executors, devisees, legatees, and estates) of each of the "Released Parties" of all "Released Claims" as those terms are defined in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 1, 2023 ("Stipulation").

- 8. Upon the occurrence of the Court's approval of the Settlement, I (we) agree and acknowledge that my (our) signature(s) hereto shall effect and constitute a covenant by me (us) and my (our) parent entities, associates, affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, attorneys, immediate family members, heirs, representatives, administrators, executors, devisees, legatees, and estates (or, if I am (we are) submitting this Proof of Claim on behalf of a corporation, a partnership, estate or one or more other persons, by it, him, her or them, and by its, his, her or their parent entities, associates, affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, attorneys, immediate family members, heirs, representatives, administrators, executors, devisees, legatees, and estates) to permanently refrain from prosecuting or attempting to prosecute any Released Claims against any of the Released Parties.
- 9. "Released Parties" has the meaning defined in the Stipulation.
- 10. "Released Claims" has the meaning defined in the Stipulation.
- 11. "Unknown Claims" has the meaning defined in the Stipulation.
- 12. I (we) agree and acknowledge that I (we) may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which I (we) now know or believe to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but I (we) agree and acknowledge that, upon the Effective Date as defined in the Stipulation, I (we) shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever settled and released, any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or noncontingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of fiduciary duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. I (we) agree and acknowledge that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.
- 13. NOTICE REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL FILERS: Representatives with the authority to file on behalf of (a) accounts of multiple Persons and/or (b) institutional accounts with large numbers of transactions ("Representative Filers") must submit information regarding their clients' transactions in the approved electronic spreadsheet format, which is available by request to the Claims Administrator at efile@strategicclaims.net or by visiting the website www.strategicclaims.net/institutional-filers/. One spreadsheet may contain the information for multiple Persons and institutional accounts who constitute distinct legal entities ("Legal Entities"), but all Representative Filers MUST also submit a manually signed Proof of Claim and Release Form, as well as proof of authority to file (see Item 2 of the Claimant's Statement) along with the electronic spreadsheet. The transactions and holdings in FXCM common stock should be reported in the electronic file so that each resulting Claim corresponds to a single Legal Entity, regardless of the number of individually managed accounts the Legal Entity has, as only one Claim will be processed per Legal Entity (e.g. a Representative Filer reporting the transactions for a fund with multiple sub-accounts should report one total holding at the start of the Class Period. one total holding at the end of the Class Period, and a single set of transactions that includes all transactions made by the Legal Entity across their sub-accounts; this would constitute and be processed a single Claim). The Claims Administrator reserves the right to combine a Legal Entity's accounts into a single Claim prior to processing in the event that a Legal Entity's accounts are divided across multiple Claims when submitted by a Representative Filer. The Claims Administrator also reserves the right to request additional documentary proof regarding a Legal Entity's transactions and holdings in FXCM common stock to prove and accurately process the Claim.
- 14. NOTICE REGARDING ONLINE FILING: Claimants who are not Representative Filers may submit their claims online using the electronic version of the Proof of Claim and Release Form hosted at www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM. If you are not acting as a Representative Filer, you do not need to contact the Claims Administrator prior to filing; you will receive an automated e-mail confirming receipt once your Proof of Claim and Release Form has been submitted. If you are unsure if you should submit

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your claim as a Representative Filer, please contact the Claims Administrator at info@strategicclaims.net or (866) 274-4004. If you are not a Representative Filer, but your claim contains a large number of transactions, the Claims Administrator may request that you also submit an electronic spreadsheet showing your transactions to accompany your Proof of Claim and Release Form.

15. In order to provide accurate claims processing you must provide all transactions in FXCM common stock between March 15, 2012 and May 5, 2017, both dates inclusive.

#### I. CLAIMANT INFORMATION

Beneficial Owner Name:				
Record Owner Name:				
Address:				
City		State	ZIP	
Foreign Province		Foreign Country		
Day Phone		Evening Phone		
Email				
Social Security Number (for individuals):	OR	Taxpayer Identification N	Number (for estates, trusts, corporations, etc.):	

#### II. SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN FXCM COMMON STOCK

#### **Beginning Holdings:**

A. State the total number of shares of Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM,
Inc. ("FXCM") common stock held at the close of trading on March 14,
2012 (must be documented). If none, write "zero" or "0."

#### Purchases:

B. Separately list each and every purchase of FXCM common stock between March 15, 2012 and May 5, 2017, both dates inclusive, and provide the following information (*must be documented*):

Trade Date (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Purchased	Price per Share	Total Cost (Excluding Commissions, Taxes, and Fees)

#### Sales:

C. Separately list each and every sale of FXCM common stock between March 15, 2012 and May 5, 2017, both dates inclusive, and provide the following information (*must be documented*):

Trade Date (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Sold	Price per Share	Amount Received (Excluding Commissions, Taxes, and Fees)

<b>Ending Holding</b>	gs:
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D.	State the total number of shares of FXCM common stock held at the	
	close of trading on May 5, 2017 (must be documented).	

If additional space is needed, attach separate, numbered sheets, giving all required information, substantially in the same format, and print your name and Social Security or Taxpayer Identification number at the top of each sheet.

### III. SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number:

Enter taxpayer identification number below for the Beneficial Owner(s). For most individuals, this is your Social Security Number. The Internal Revenue Service ("I.R.S.") requires such taxpayer identification number. If you fail to provide this information, your claim may be rejected.

Social Security Number (for individuals)	or	Taxpayer Identification Number (for estates, trusts, corporations, etc.)

### **IV. CERTIFICATION**

I (We) submit this Proof of Claim under the terms of the Stipulation and Settlement described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, with respect to my (our) claim as a Class Member(s) and for purposes of enforcing the release and covenant not to sue set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in this Action. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases or sales of FXCM common stock during the Class Period and know of no other Person having done so on my (our) behalf.

I (We) certify that I am (we are) NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406 (a)(1)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code because: (a) I am (We are) exempt from backup withholding; or (b) I (We) have not been notified by the I.R.S. that I am (we are) subject to backup

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withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends; or (c) the I.R.S. has notified me (us) that I am (we are) no longer subject to backup withholding.

NOTE: If you have been notified by the I.R.S. that you are subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language that you are not subject to backup withholding in the certification above.

UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, I (WE) CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION I (WE) PROVIDED ON THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

Signature of Claimant (If this claim is being made

	on behalf of Joint Claimants, then each must sign):
	(Signature)
	(Signature)
	(Capacity of person(s) signing, e.g. beneficial purchaser(s), executor, administrator, trustee, etc.)  Check here if proof of authority to file is enclosed. (See Item 2 under Claimant's Statement)
Date:	

THIS	PROOF	OF	CLAIM	AND	RELEASE	FORM	MUST	BE	SUBMITTED	ONLINE	ΑT
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POST	MARKED N	NO LA	TER THAN	ــــــ ۱		_, 2023 /	AND MUS	T BE	MAILED TO:		

Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation c/o Strategic Claims Services 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205 P.O. Box 230 Media, PA 19063

Tel.: 866-274-4004 Fax: 610-565-7985 info@strategicclaims.net

A Proof of Claim received by the Claims Administrator shall be deemed to have been submitted when posted, if mailed by \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and if a postmark is indicated on the envelope and it is mailed first class and addressed in accordance with the above instructions. In all other cases, a Proof of Claim shall be deemed to have been submitted when actually received by the Claims Administrator.

You should be aware that it will take a significant amount of time to process fully all of the Proofs of Claim and to administer the Settlement. This work will be completed as promptly as time permits, given the need to investigate and tabulate each Proof of Claim. Please notify the Claims Administrator of any change of address.

#### REMINDER CHECKLIST

- Please be sure to sign this Proof of Claim on page \_\_\_. If this Proof of Claim is submitted on behalf of joint claimants, then both claimants must sign.
- Please remember to attach supporting documents. Do NOT send any stock certificates. Keep copies of everything you submit.
- Do NOT use highlighter on the Proof of Claim or any supporting documents.
- o If you move or change your address, telephone number or email address, please submit the new information to the Claims Administrator, as well as any other information that will assist us in contacting you. NOTE: Failure to submit updated information to the Claims Administrator may result in the Claims Administrator's inability to contact you regarding issues with your claim or to deliver payment to you.

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM Inc. Securities Litigation

Master File No. 1:17-cv-00916-RA-BCM

**CLASS ACTION** 

This Document Relates To: All Actions

SUMMARY NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

TO: ALL PERSONS WHO PURCHASED THE PUBLICLY-TRADED CLASS A COMMON STOCK OF GLOBAL BROKERAGE, INC. F/K/A FXCM, INC. ("FXCM") FROM MARCH 15, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2017, BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to an Order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, that a hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023, at \_\_:\_\_\_\_\_.m. before the Honorable Ronnie Abrams, United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, Courtroom 1506, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007, or by telephonic or videoconference means as directed by the Court, for the purpose of determining:

- (1) whether the proposed Settlement of the claims in the above-captioned Action for consideration including the sum of \$6,500,000 ("Settlement Amount") should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate;
- (2) whether the proposed plan to distribute the Settlement proceeds is fair, reasonable, and adequate;
- (3) whether the application of Class Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees of up one third of the Settlement Amount, reimbursement of expenses of not more than \$850,000, and awards to Class Representatives of \$20,000 for Lead Plaintiff Shipco Transport Inc. and \$15,000 for Plaintiff E-Global Trade and Finance Group, Inc., or \$35,000 total, should be approved; and
- (4) whether this Action should be dismissed with prejudice as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated February 1, 2023 ("Stipulation").

If you purchased FXCM common stock during the period from March 15, 2012 through February 6, 2017, both dates inclusive ("Class Period"), your rights may be affected by this Settlement, including the release and extinguishment of claims you may possess relating to your ownership interest in FXCM common stock.

If you have not received a postcard providing instructions for receiving a detailed Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Long Notice") and a copy of the Proof of Claim and Release Form ("Proof of Claim"), you may obtain copies by writing to or calling Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation, c/o Strategic Claims Services, 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205, P.O. Box 230, Media, PA 19063; (Tel) (866) 274-4004; (Fax) (610) 565-7985; info@strategicclaims.net, or going to the website, www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM. If you are a member of the Class, in order to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, you must submit a properly completed Proof of Claim electronically or postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 to the Claims Administrator, establishing that you are entitled to recovery. Unless you submit a written exclusion request, you will be bound by any judgment rendered in the Action whether or not you make a claim.

If you desire to be excluded from the Class, you must submit a request for exclusion in the manner and form explained in the Long Notice to the Claims Administrator so that it is received no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023. All members of the Class who have not requested exclusion from the Class will be bound by any judgment entered in the Action.

Clerk of the Court
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

CLASS COUNSEL:
THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Phillip Kim
275 Madison Avenue, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor
New York, NY 10016

COUNSEL FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

DEFENDANTS:

KING & SPALDING LLP

Israel Dahan

1185 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10036

If you have any questions about the Settlement, you may call or write to Class Counsel:

THE ROSEN LAW FIRM, P.A. Phillip Kim 275 Madison Avenue, 40th Floor New York, NY 10016 Tel: 212-686-1060

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

Dated:	, 2023	
		BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES
		DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
		SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

### **Court-Ordered Legal Notice**

### **Forwarding Service Requested**

Media, PA 19063

c/o Strategic Claims Services 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 205

Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation

Important Notice about a Securities
Class Action Settlement

You may be entitled to a payment.
This Notice may affect your legal rights.

Please read it carefully.

In re Global Brokerage, Inc., f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 1:17-cv-916 (S.D.N.Y.)
THIS CARD ONLY PROVIDES LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.
PLEASE VISIT <u>WWW.STRATEGICCLAIMS.NET/FXCM</u> OR CALL 1-866-274-4004 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

There has been a proposed Settlement with Dror Niv and William Ahdout (collectively, "Individual Defendants") to release all claims asserted in the Action against the Individual Defendants and Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. ("FXCM"). The Settlement resolves a lawsuit in which Plaintiffs allege that, in violation of the federal securities laws, the Individual Defendants and FXCM misled investors by issuing materially false and misleading statements and causing damages to Class Members. The Individual Defendants and FXCM deny any wrongdoing.

You received this Notice because you or someone in your family may have purchased FXCM Class A common stock between March 15, 2012 and February 6, 2017, both dates inclusive ("Class Period"). The Settlement provides that, in exchange for the settlement and dismissal and release of the Individual Defendants and FXCM, a fund consisting of \$6,500,000 ("Settlement Fund"), less attorneys' fees and expenses, will be divided among all Class Members who submit a valid Proof of Claim and Release Form ("Proof of Claim"). For a full description of the Settlement, your rights, and to make a claim, please view the Stipulation of Settlement at <a href="https://www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM">www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM</a> and please request a copy of the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Long Notice") and Proof of Claim by contacting the Claims Administrator in any of the following ways: (1) mail: Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM, Inc. Securities Litigation, c/o Strategic Claims Services, 600 N. Jackson St., Ste. 205, P.O. Box 230, Media, PA 19063; (2) call: toll free, (866) 274-4004; (3) Fax: (610) 565-7985; (4) email: info@strategicclaims.net; or (5) visit the website: <a href="https://www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM">www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM</a>.

To qualify for payment, you must submit a Proof of Claim to the Claims Administrator. A copy of the Proof of Claim can be found on the website. PROOF OF CLAIMS ARE DUE BY \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 TO GLOBAL BROKERAGE, INC. F/K/A FXCM, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION, C/O STRATEGIC CLAIMS SERVICES, P.O. BOX 230, 600 N. JACKSON STREET, SUITE 205, MEDIA, PA 19063 OR SUBMITTED ONLINE AT <a href="https://www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM">www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM</a>. NET/FXCM. If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself by \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, or you will not be able to sue the Individual Defendants and FXCM about the legal claims in this case. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get money from this Settlement. If you stay in the Settlement, you may object to it by \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023. The Long Notice explains how to exclude yourself or to object.

The Court will hold a hearing on \_\_\_\_, 2023 at \_\_:\_ a.m. at Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, Courtroom 1506, 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007, or via remote means at the Court's direction, to consider whether to approve the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, a request for attorneys' fees of up to one third of the Settlement Fund, plus actual expenses up to \$850,000 for litigating the case and negotiating the Settlement, and awards to Class Representatives of \$20,000 for Lead Plaintiff Shipco Transport Inc. and \$15,000 for Plaintiff E-Global Trade and Finance Group, Inc., or \$35,000 total ("Final Approval Hearing"). You may attend the hearing and ask to be heard by the Court, but you do not have to. The Court reserves the right to hold the Final Approval Hearing by remote means. You may, but are not required to, attend the hearing and ask to be heard by the Court. For more information, call (866) 274-4004, or visit www.strategicclaims.net/FXCM.

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**EXHIBIT B** 

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re Global Brokerage, Inc. f/k/a FXCM Inc. Securities Litigation

Master File No. 1:17-cv-00916-RA-BCM

**CLASS ACTION** 

This Document Relates To: All Actions

[PROPOSED] ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023, a hearing having been held before this Court to determine: (1) whether the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement dated February 1, 2023 ("Stipulation") are fair, reasonable and adequate for the settlement of all claims asserted by the Class against the Individual Defendants (as defined in the Stipulation), including the release of the Released Claims against the Released Parties, and should be approved; (2) whether judgment should be entered dismissing this Action with prejudice; (3) whether to approve the proposed Plan of Allocation as a fair and reasonable method to allocate the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members; (4) whether and in what amount to award Class Counsel as fees and reimbursement of expenses; and (5) whether and in what amount to approve an award to the Plaintiffs; and

The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the hearing and otherwise; and It appearing in the record that the Notice substantially in the form approved by the Court in the Court's Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 ("Preliminary Approval Order") was disseminated to all reasonably identifiable Class Members and posted to the website of the Claims Administrator, both in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order and the specifications of the Court; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED

1. All capitalized terms used herein have the same meanings as set forth and defined in the Stipulation.

THAT:

- 2. For purposes of this Settlement, the Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, Plaintiffs, all Class Members, the Individual Defendants, and FXCM.
- 3. In accordance with the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, the Court hereby finds that the forms and methods of notifying the Class of the Settlement and its terms and conditions

met the requirements of due process, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Section 21D(a)(7) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995; constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constituted due and sufficient notice of these proceedings and the matters set forth herein, including the Settlement and Plan of Allocation, to all persons and entities entitled to such notice. No Class Member is relieved from the terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the releases provided for in the Stipulation, based upon the contention or proof that such Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice. A full opportunity has been offered to the Class Members to object to the proposed Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon. Thus, it is hereby determined that all Class Members are bound by this Final Judgment except those persons listed on Schedule A to this Final Judgment.

- 4. The Settlement is approved as fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interests of the Class. This Court further finds that the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation is the result of good faith, arm's-length negotiations between experienced counsel representing the interests of Class Representatives, Class Members, and the Individual Defendants. The Parties are directed to consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Stipulation.
- 5. The Action and all claims contained therein, as well as all of the Released Claims, are dismissed with prejudice as against each and all of the Defendants. The Parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided in the Stipulation.
- 6. Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties, on behalf of themselves, their successors and assigns, and any other Person claiming (now or in the future) through or on behalf of them, regardless of whether any such Releasing Party ever seeks or obtains by any means,

including without limitation by submitting a Proof of Claim, any disbursement from the Settlement Fund, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, resolved, released, relinquished, waived, dismissed and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Parties and shall have covenanted not to sue the Released Parties with respect to any and all Released Claims, and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting, instituting, assisting, instigating, or in any way participating in the commencement or prosecution of any action or other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any Released Claim, in any capacity, against any of the Released Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Individual Defendants and FXCM are released from any and all claims for contribution or indemnity, as would otherwise be allowed by Section 21D of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(f)(7). Nothing contained herein shall, however, bar the Releasing Parties from bringing any action or claim to enforce the terms of the Stipulation or this Final Judgment. Nor shall anything contained herein limit or release any claims the Individual Defendants may have with regard to insurance coverage that may be available to them under any applicable policy. This release shall not apply to any Class Members who timely and properly exclude themselves from the Class.

7. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Releasing Parties shall waive, shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of this Final Judgment shall have waived, the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

- 8. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Releasing Parties shall waive, shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of this Final Judgment shall have waived, any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state, territory, foreign country or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542. The Releasing Parties may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which they now knows or believes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but the Releasing Parties, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of this Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever settled and released, any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of fiduciary duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The Releasing Parties acknowledge and the Class Members shall be deemed by operation of this Final Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.
- 9. Upon the Effective Date, the Released Parties shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all claims they may have against the Releasing Parties related to the Releasing Parties' prosecution of the Action or any other known or unknown counter-claim related thereto and shall have covenanted not to sue the Releasing Parties with respect to any counter claim, claim, or sanction related to the Released Claims, and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from asserting, commencing, prosecuting, instituting, assisting, instigating, or in any way participating

in the commencement or prosecution of any action or other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any such claim, in any capacity, against any of the Releasing Parties. Nothing contained herein shall, however, bar the Released Parties from bringing any action or claim to enforce the terms of this Stipulation or the Final Judgment.

- 10. The Court finds that all Parties and their counsel have complied with all requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Private Securities Litigation Record Act of 1995 as to all proceedings herein.
- 11. Neither this Final Judgment, the Stipulation (nor the Settlement contained therein), nor any of its terms and provisions, nor any of the negotiations, documents or proceedings connected with them is evidence, or an admission or concession by any Party or their counsel, any Class Member, or any of the Released Parties, of any fault, liability or wrongdoing whatsoever, as to any facts or claims alleged or asserted in the Action or could have been alleged or asserted, or any other actions or proceedings, or as to the validity or merit of any of the claims or defenses alleged or asserted or could have been alleged or asserted in any such action or proceeding. This Final Judgment is not a finding or evidence of the validity or invalidity of any claims or defenses in the Action, any wrongdoing by any Party, Class Member, or any of the Released Parties, or any damages or injury to any Party, Class Member, or any Released Parties. Neither this Final Judgment, the Stipulation (nor the Settlement contained therein), nor any of its terms and provisions, nor any of the negotiations, documents or proceedings connected with therewith (a) shall (i) be argued to be, used or construed as, offered or received in evidence as, or otherwise constitute an admission, concession, presumption, proof, evidence, or a finding of any, liability, fault, wrongdoing, injury or damages, or of any wrongful conduct, acts or omissions on the part of any Released Party, or of any infirmity of any defense, or of any damages to Class Representatives

or any other Class Member, or (ii) otherwise be used to create or give rise to any inference or presumption against any of the Released Parties concerning any fact or any purported liability, fault, or wrongdoing of the Released Parties or any injury or damages to any person or entity, or (b) shall otherwise be admissible, referred to or used in any proceeding of any nature, for any purpose whatsoever; provided, however, that this Final Judgment, the Stipulation, or the documents related thereto may be introduced in any proceeding, whether in the Court or otherwise, as may be necessary to enforce the Settlement or Final Judgment, to effectuate the liability protection granted them hereunder, to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, offset or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim or as otherwise required by law.

- 12. Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Stipulation, all funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to be in *custodia legis* and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds are distributed or returned pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order of the Court.
- 13. Exclusive jurisdiction is hereby retained over the Parties and the Class Members for all matters relating to the Action, including the administration, interpretation, effectuation or enforcement of the Stipulation and this Final Judgment, and including any application for fees and expenses incurred in connection with administering and distributing the Settlement Fund to the Class Members.
- 14. Without further order of the Court, the Individual Defendants and Class Representatives may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Stipulation.

- 15. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Final Judgment and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 16. The finality of this Final Judgment shall not be affected, in any manner, by rulings that the Court makes herein on the proposed Plan of Allocation or Class Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses or an award to Class Representatives.
- 17. The Court hereby finds that the proposed Plan of Allocation is a fair and reasonable method to allocate the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members, and Class Counsel and the Claims Administrator are directed to administer the Plan of Allocation in accordance with its terms and the terms of the Stipulation.
- 18. Class Counsel are hereby awarded \_\_\_\_\_\_% of the Settlement Amount, or \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, in fees, which the Court finds to be fair and reasonable, and \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ in reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. The Court hereby awards \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Lead Plaintiff and Class Representative Shipco Transport Inc. and \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Class Representative E-Global Trade and Finance Group, Inc., which the Court finds to be fair and reasonable. The Individual Defendants, FXCM, and the Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, and no liability whatsoever with respect to, any payments to Class Counsel, Class Representatives, the Class and/or any other Person who receives payment from the Settlement Fund.
- 19. In the event the Settlement is not consummated in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation, then the Stipulation and this Final Judgment (including any amendment(s) thereof, and except as expressly provided in the Stipulation or by order of the Court) shall be shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in the Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance

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with the terms of this Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*. and each Party shall be restored to his, her or its respective litigation positions as they existed prior to December 23, 2022, pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_HON. RONNIE ABRAMS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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### Schedule A