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

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEFAN QIN, VIRGIL TECHNOLOGIES
LLC, MONTGOMERY TECHNOLOGIES
LLC, VIRGIL QUANTITATIVE
RESEARCH, LLC, VIRGIL CAPITAL LLC,
and VQR PARTNERS LLC,

Defendants.

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RECEIVER'S DISTRIBUTION PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

This distribution plan (“Plan”), as approved by the Court (ECF No. 411), governs the process by which the Receiver will classify, calculate, and make distributions of Recoverable Assets¹ to Allowed Claimants.

Article 1. DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF INTERPRETATION

1.1. Definitions

“**Allowed**” means, with respect to any Claim, a Claim (i) for which a valid Proof of Claim has been timely filed, (ii) that is not an Unresolved Objection, and (iii) that has been allowed, in whole or part, by an order of the Court or pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order.

“**Allowed Claimant**” means a Claimant holding a Resolved Claim with an Allowed Amount greater than zero.

“**Allowed Amount**” means the amount at which a Claim is calculated and permitted under the Claims Procedure Order and as communicated in a Claim Determination.

“**Available Cash**” means, at the time of a Distribution, all Cash of the Receivership Estate on a consolidated basis less the amount of Cash designated by the Receiver to be held in Reserve.

“**Cash**” means the legal tender of the United States of America, or the equivalent value of foreign or digital currency once converted into legal tender of the United States of America.

“**Causes of Action**” means all actions, causes of action, liabilities, obligations, rights, suits, damages, judgments, remedies, demands, set-offs, defenses, recoupments, crossclaims, counterclaims, third-party claims, indemnity claims, contribution claims, or any other claims whatsoever, in each case held by or assigned to the Receivership Entities, whether known or unknown, matured or unmatured, fixed or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, disputed or undisputed, suspected or unsuspected, foreseen or unforeseen, direct or indirect, choate or inchoate, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based in whole or in part upon any act or omission or other event, circumstance or condition occurring or existing prior to the Receivership Date or during the pendency of the SEC Action.

“**Claim**” means a valid Proof of Claim filed against the Receivership Estate.

“**Claim Determination**” means the Receiver’s determination of (i) whether the Claim meets the criteria for an Allowed Claim; (ii) the classification of the Claim; and (iii) the Allowed

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are accorded the meaning afforded them in the Order Appointing Receiver (ECF No. 31); Memorandum of Law in Support of Receiver’s Motion to Establish Claims Administration & Determination Procedures (ECF No. 303); Claims Schedule (ECF No. 360); and Memorandum of Law in Support of Receiver’s Motion to Approve the Distribution Plan, Distribution Procedures, and the Initial Distribution (ECF No. 393).

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Amount, as communicated to each Claimant in writing from the Receiver pursuant to and in accordance with the Claims Procedure Order.

“Claimant” means any Person asserting a Claim against the Receivership Estate, or the successor in interest to such Person under valid and enforceable operation of applicable law as determined by the Receiver in his sole discretion.

“Claims Administration Order” means the Court’s Order Granting Receiver’s Motion to Set Bar Date for Claims Against the Receivership Estate and to Approve Claim Form and Notice Procedures (ECF No. 168).

“Claims Portal” means the secure online portal established pursuant to the Claims Administration Order located at <https://www.qinreceivershipclaims.com/>, to which all Claimants were given access.

“Claims Procedure Order” means the Court’s Opinion and Order Granting Receiver’s Motion to Establish Claims Administration and Determination Procedures (ECF No. 339).

“Class” means a category of Allowed Claims, as set forth in the Plan.

“Court” means the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

“Disputed,” when used with respect to a Claim, means a Claim as to which an Objection to the Allowed Amount (as initially set forth in the Claimant’s Claim Determination) has been timely filed by the Claimant, has not been settled by the Receiver, and has not been Allowed, in whole or part, by an order of the Court or pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order.

“Disputed Amount” means the amount of a Claim that is Disputed.

“Distribution” means payment by the Receiver of Available Cash to one or more Allowed Claimants pursuant to the Plan.

“Distribution Date,” when used with respect to each Resolved Claim, means the date on which one or more Resolved Claims becomes payable in accordance with the Plan pursuant to a Distribution Order, such date to occur no more than 75 days following such Distribution Order, or, in the case of the Initial Distribution, no more than 75 days from the Effective Date.

“Distribution Form” means the form that must be completed by the Claimant to (a) accept the terms of the Distribution and (b) provide payment instructions to receive the Distribution.

“Distribution Motion” means a motion filed by the Receiver seeking authorization to make a Distribution, which shall include (a) a statement of the then-applicable Rising Tide Percentage and (b) a schedule outlining proposed Distributions to Allowed Claimants.

“Distribution Notice” means a notice of Distribution, which will be sent via the Claims Portal to each Claimant and published on the docket of the SEC Action and the Receivership Website following the Court’s issuance of a Distribution Order.

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“Distribution Objection Deadline” means the date 21 days after the date on which a Distribution Motion is filed on the docket of the SEC Action.

“Distribution Order” means an order of the Court authorizing a Distribution, including but not limited to, the order approving the Plan and authorizing the Initial Distribution.

“Employee Claim” means an Allowed Claim held by a former employee of a Receivership Entity.

“Effective Date” means the date on which the Receiver declares the Plan effective by filing a notice on the docket of the SEC Action, such date to occur no more than seven (7) days following the Court’s entry of an order approving the Plan.

“Final Distribution Date” means the date designated by the Court for distributing all remaining Available Cash pursuant to Article 4.3.1.3 of the Plan.

“Forfeited Distribution” means the amount of any Distribution for which the respective Allowed Claimant fails to comply with the Plan’s procedures, fails to timely provide the Receiver with information required to facilitate such Distribution, or fails to comply with any other reasonable request from the Receiver or an applicable financial institution, as may be necessary to facilitate the payment of such Distribution.

“Funds” means, collectively, the Sigma Fund and VQR Fund.

“Initial Distribution” means the first Distribution made pursuant to the Plan.

“Initial Distribution Date” means the date on which the Receiver will commence the Initial Distribution, which shall be no more than 75 days from the Effective Date.

“Investment Return Percentage” or **“IRP”** means the overall return on an Investor Claimant’s investment in the Funds, and is calculated using the following formula: Verified Investor Withdrawals *divided by* Verified Investor Deposits.

“Investor Claim” means an Allowed Claim held by an investor who invested principal amount(s) in either (or both) of the Funds that exceeded, in aggregate, the value of any distribution(s) directly or indirectly credited to or received by the investor or for their benefit.

“Investor Claimant” means a Person who holds a Resolved Investor Claim.

“Litigation Claim” means a lawsuit filed or to be filed by the Receiver with respect to the Causes of Action.

“Non-Investor Claimant” means a Person who holds a Resolved Employee Claim or a Resolved Unsecured Creditor Claim.

“Objection” means a timely filed objection to a Claim Determination pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order.

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“Person” means any foreign or domestic person, including without limitation, any individual, entity, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, estate, trust, unincorporated association or organization, official committee, ad hoc committee or group, governmental agency, or political subdivision thereof, the SEC, and any successors or assigns of any of the foregoing.

“Proof of Claim” means, with respect to a Claim, any proof of claim form timely filed by a Claimant pursuant to the Claims Administration Order.

“Receiver” means Robert A. Musiala, Jr., Esq., the Court-appointed receiver in the SEC Action, or any Court-appointed successor thereto.

“Receivership” means the federal equity receivership established by one or more orders of this Court entered in the SEC Action.

“Receivership Assets” means all assets under the control of the Receiver pursuant to an order of this Court or another court of competent jurisdiction, and all proceeds thereof.

“Receivership Date” means the date of commencement of the SEC Action.

“Receivership Distribution” means the total amount of any Distribution made by the Receiver pursuant to the Plan to or for the benefit of the Allowed Claimant prior to the applicable Distribution Date.

“Receivership Entity” means any of Montgomery Technologies, LLC; Virgil Capital LLC; Virgil Quantitative Research, LLC; Virgil Technologies, LLC; VQR Partners, LLC; and the assets of the Funds.

“Receivership Website” means <https://www.bakerlaw.com/sec-v-qin-et-al-receivership/>.

“Released Parties” means the Receiver, Baker & Hostetler LLP, Ankura Consulting Group LLC, and all other advisors, attorneys, accountants, consultants, and professionals retained by the Receiver after the Receivership Date in accordance with the Receivership Order and all persons acting by, through, under or in concert with any of them.

“Reserve” means the funds held by the Receiver as a reserve, as required by Article 3.1.2 of the Plan.

“Resolved Claim” means an Allowed Claim to which the Claim Determination has not been objected by the Claimant, or having been objected to, such Objection has been resolved.

“Rising Tide Percentage” means a *pro rata* percentage determined by the Receiver in his sole discretion, that applies to each Distribution, as may be increased from time to time in accordance with this Plan. The Rising Tide Percentage represents the ratio at which, based on the assets available to distribute, Allowed Investor Claimants who received little or no Verified Investor Withdrawals will be brought to the same overall percentage return on their investment

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as investors who received substantial Verified Investor Withdrawals. The method for calculating the Rising Tide Percentage is described in Article 4.1.2 of the Plan.

“Unresolved Objection” means a timely filed Objection to a Claim Determination, which has been submitted to the Court for final adjudication.

“SEC” means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

“SEC Action” means the enforcement action commenced by the SEC in this Court in the case captioned *Securities and Exchange Comm’n v. Qin*, No. 20-cv-10849 (S.D.N.Y.).

“Sigma Fund” means Virgil Sigma Fund, LP.

“Subsequent Distribution Date” is a Distribution Date (if any) occurring after the Initial Distribution Date but before the Final Distribution Date.

“Unsecured Creditor Claim” means an Allowed Claim held by a trade vendor, service provider, or other general unsecured creditor of the Receivership Estate.

“Verified Investor Deposit” means, as to an Investor Claim, the amount of a deposit of assets into the Funds prior to the Receivership Date, whether deposited directly or by a third party for or on behalf of an Investor (or otherwise properly attributable to such Investor, as determined by the Receiver and communicated to Claimant in the Claim Determination), net of fees and other transaction or banking costs. For assets deposited as cryptocurrency, the value is converted to U.S. Dollars based on the closing price of the cryptocurrency on the date of deposit, as reported by Coinmarketcap.com. For assets deposited in non-U.S. Dollars, the value is converted to U.S. Dollars based on the average price of AUD-USD or EUR-USD (or other foreign currency), as applicable, on the date of the transaction, as reported by OFX.com.

“Verified Investor Withdrawal” means, as to an Investor Claim, the amount of a withdrawal (or other receipt) of assets from the Receivership Estate, whether withdrawn directly by an Investor or by a third party for or on behalf of an Investor (or otherwise properly attributable to such Investor, as determined by the Receiver and communicated to Claimant in the Claim Determination) prior to the Receivership Date, irrespective of the characterization of such withdrawals as rebates, redemptions, return of principal, or otherwise.

“VQR Fund” means Virgil Quantitative Research Multistrategy Fund, LP, including its various feeder funds.

“Writing” means written communication transmitted by one or more means prescribed in and in accordance with Article 6.4 of the Plan.

1.2. Rules of Interpretation

For purposes of the Plan: (a) in the appropriate context, each term, whether stated in the singular or the plural, shall include both the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine, and the neuter genders; (b) any reference in the Plan to a contract, instrument, release, indenture, or other

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agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and conditions means that such document shall be substantially in such form or substantially on such terms and conditions; (c) any reference in the Plan to an existing document or exhibit filed, or to be filed, shall mean such document or exhibit, as it may have been or may be amended, modified, supplemented, or restated; (d) unless otherwise stated, the words “herein,” “hereof,” and “hereto” refer to this Plan in its entirety rather than to a particular portion of this Plan; (e) captions and headings to Articles are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the interpretation hereof; (f) unless otherwise stated, all references in the Plan to subsections, Articles, Exhibits, and Schedules are references to subsections, Articles, Exhibits, and Schedules of or to the Plan; (g) the words “include,” “includes” and “including” shall not be limiting and shall be deemed to be followed by “without limitation” whether or not they are, in fact, followed by such words or words of like import; (h) any effectuating provisions may be interpreted by the Receiver, in his sole discretion, in a manner consistent with the overall purpose and intent of this Plan all without further notice to or action, order, or approval of this Court or any other Person, without waiver of the rights of any Person; and (i) any docket number references in this Plan shall refer to the docket number of any document filed with this Court in the SEC Action.

1.3. References to Monetary Figures

All references in this Plan to monetary figures shall refer to currency of the United States of America, unless otherwise expressly provided herein.

Article 2. CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS

2.1. Classification of Claims Generally

Outlined below and set forth in **Schedule 1** is a designation of Classes of Claims against the Receivership Entities, and the Allowed Amount of each Resolved Claim. A Claim is placed in a particular Class for the purpose of receiving Distributions pursuant to the Plan only to the extent that such Claim is an Allowed Resolved Claim in that Class, and such Claim has not been paid, released, withdrawn, or otherwise settled prior to the Effective Date of the Plan.

2.2. Treatment of Claims Generally

All Distributions to Allowed Claimants holding Resolved Claims are governed by, and subject to, the terms of this Plan and shall be in full and complete satisfaction, settlement, and release of all such Claims. Resolved Claims in the Classes set forth in Article 2.3 are payable with the priority and on the terms established for each Class from the Available Cash of the Receivership Assets. No Claimant holding a Resolved Claim shall be entitled to recovery under this Plan in excess of the full amount of the Allowed Amount of the Claim.

2.3. Classes

Claims against the Receivership Entities shall be classified and treated as follows:

COURT APPROVED PLAN**2.3.1 Class 1 – Investor Claims**

On the Initial Distribution Date, each Subsequent Distribution Date, and/or the Final Distribution Date, each Allowed Claimant holding an Allowed Investor Claim (Class 1) shall be entitled to receive a Distribution of Available Cash equal to (i) the Verified Investor Deposits (ii) *multiplied by* the then-applicable Rising Tide Percentage (iii) *minus the sum of* any Verified Investor Withdrawals and any Receivership Distribution.

2.3.2 Class 2 – Employee Claims

On the Initial Distribution Date, each Subsequent Distribution Date, and/or the Final Distribution Date, each Allowed Claimant holding an Allowed Employee Claim (Class 2) shall be entitled to receive a Distribution of Available Cash equal to (i) the Allowed Amount of the Claim (ii) *multiplied by* the then-applicable Rising Tide Percentage (iii) *minus any* Receivership Distribution.

2.3.3 Class 3 – Unsecured Creditor Claims

On the Initial Distribution Date, each Subsequent Distribution Date, and/or the Final Distribution Date, each Allowed Claimant holding an Allowed Unsecured Creditor Claim (Class 3) shall be entitled to receive a Distribution of Available Cash equal to (i) the Allowed Amount of the Claim (ii) *multiplied by* the then-applicable Rising Tide Percentage (iii) *minus any* Receivership Distribution.

2.4. Distribution Notice

Prior to making any Distribution, the Receiver will prepare and file with the Court a Distribution Motion identifying the applicable Rising Tide Percentage and providing a schedule by Claim Number outlining the proposed Distribution for each Allowed Claimant, calculated as set forth in Article 4.1. Following the Court's granting of the Motion, the Receiver shall file a Distribution Notice on the docket of the SEC Action, post a Distribution Notice to the Receivership Website, and send such Distribution Notice to Claimants via the Claims Portal.

Article 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN**3.1. Consolidation of Receivership Assets**

Pursuant to the Claims Procedure Order, the Receiver has calculated the Allowed Amount of each Claim owed by the Receivership Entities on a consolidated basis for the purpose of making Distributions. Available Cash will be generated and distributed from the Receivership Estate's bank account, from the liquidation of the Receivership Assets, and from the proceeds of any Litigation Claims on a consolidated basis.

3.1.1 Use of Proceeds

Cash available from the sources described in Article 3.1 above shall be used to fund all Distributions and to fund ongoing expenses of the Receivership.

COURT APPROVED PLAN**3.1.2 Reserve**

With respect to each Distribution, the Receiver shall hold Cash in Reserve in an aggregate amount sufficient, in his determination, to pay (a) each Claimant holding a Disputed Claim (i) the amount of Cash that such Claimant would be entitled to receive under the Plan if such Claim were Allowed or (ii) such lesser amount as the Court may estimate or may otherwise order, and (b) the amount of incurred and projected professional fees, taxes, and administrative expenses of the Receivership for which, in the Receiver's reasonable judgment, it is prudent to reserve. The Receiver may, in his discretion, reduce the amount of Cash held in Reserve from time to time to the extent he determines that there is no longer a need to reserve such Cash, and in such case the equivalent Cash held in Reserve will be made available for Distribution.

3.2. Plan Settlement

The Plan incorporates a proposed compromise and settlement of numerous issues involving the Receivership Entities and Claimants and is designed to achieve a fair and equitable economic resolution of the SEC Action, including but not limited to a resolution of all Claims against all of the Receivership Entities, regardless of whether a Person filed a Claim. These issues further include, without limitation, the consolidation of the assets and liabilities of the Receivership Estate, the ownership and rights of the various Receivership Entities and their affiliates with respect to certain assets, the responsibilities of the various Receivership Entities to maintain and/or effectuate an orderly liquidation of certain assets and investments, the nature and characterization of certain intercompany transactions, and the potential distribution of proceeds that may arise from any Litigation Claims. In consideration of the classification of Claims, Distributions, releases, and other benefits provided under the Plan, upon the Effective Date, the Plan shall constitute a good faith compromise and settlement of all Claims, interests, and disputes dealt with therein.

3.3. Cancellation of Securities and Agreements

On the Effective Date, the Plan shall be consummated in accordance with the provisions set forth herein and, except for obligations with respect to Allowed Claims: (i) rights to payment owing or assertable against the Receivership Entities, whether arising under any certificate, partnership interest, share, note, bond, indenture, purchase right, option, warrant, or other instrument or document, evidencing or creating, directly or indirectly, any indebtedness or obligation of or ownership interest in any of the Receivership Entities shall be cancelled, and the Receivership Entities shall not have any continuing obligations therefor; and (ii) rights to payment owing or assertable against the Receivership Entities pursuant, relating, or pertaining to any agreements, indentures, certificates of designation, bylaws, or certificate or articles of incorporation, formation or similar documents governing the shares, certificates, notes, bonds, indentures, purchase rights, options, warrants, interests, partnerships or other instruments or documents evidencing or creating any indebtedness or obligation of or ownership interest in any of the Receivership Entities shall be released.

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3.4. Effectuating Documents; Further Transactions

On and after the Effective Date, the Receiver is authorized to and may, in the name of and on behalf of the applicable Receivership Entity, take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate, implement, and further evidence the terms and conditions of the Plan, without the need for any approvals, authorization, or consents except for those expressly required pursuant to the Plan.

3.5. Preservation of Causes of Action

The Receiver shall retain and may enforce all rights to commence, pursue, and continue to pursue, as appropriate, any and all Causes of Action, whether arising before or after the Receivership Date, including, but not limited to, those related to the Litigation Claims, and the Receiver's rights to commence, prosecute, or settle such Causes of Action shall be preserved notwithstanding the occurrence of the Effective Date. The Receiver may continue to pursue such Causes of Action, as appropriate, in accordance with the Receivership Order and the best interests of the Receivership Entities, including without limitation the action captioned as *Musiala, Jr. v. Hallak*, No. 1:25-cv-06424 (S.D.N.Y.).

Article 4. DISTRIBUTION METHOD & PROCESS

4.1. Distribution Method

The Receiver will make distributions to Claimants holding Allowed Claims utilizing a "Rising Tide" methodology.

4.1.1 Rising Tide

The Rising Tide methodology treats any monies withdrawn or received by a Claimant prior to the Plan's Distribution as a distribution to be deducted from any Distribution to be paid by the Receiver under the Plan. A Rising Tide methodology is widely recognized by courts as appropriate in the context of Ponzi schemes.

4.1.1.1 For Investor Claimants

Under a Rising Tide method, Distributions to Allowed Investor Claimants are calculated using the following formula: (a) Verified Investor Deposits; (b) ***multiplied by*** the Rising Tide Percentage; (c) ***minus the sum of*** any Verified Investor Withdrawals and any Receivership Distributions. The Rising Tide Percentage represents (and is calculated as) the percentage at which Allowed Investor Claimants who received little or no Verified Investor Withdrawals will be brought to the same overall Investment Return Percentage as Allowed Investor Claimants who received substantial Verified Investor Withdrawals, based on the total amount of Receivership Assets available to be distributed by the Receiver. Any Allowed Investor Claimant who at the time of a Distribution has an IRP that is equal to or greater than then-applicable Rising Tide Percentage would not receive any Distribution from the Receiver until such time as the Rising Tide Percentage exceeds their Investment Return Percentage.

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4.1.1.2 For Non-Investor Claimants

Under a Rising Tide method, as Non-Investor Claimants have no Verified Investor Withdrawals to consider, Distributions to Allowed Non-Investor Claimants are calculated using the following formula: (a) Allowed Amount; (b) *multiplied by* the Rising Tide Percentage; (c) *minus* any Receivership Distributions.

4.1.2 Rising Tide Percentage

The Receiver shall, in his sole discretion, determine the Rising Tide Percentage for the Initial Distribution, which shall be no less than 61.56507314%. Within ten (10) days following the Court's approval of the Plan, the Receiver shall file a Notice of Distribution in accordance with Section 2.4, which shall state the applicable Rising Tide Percentage for the Initial Distribution along with a schedule setting forth the Initial Distribution amount and the information used to calculate the Initial Distribution for each Allowed Claimant. For Subsequent Distributions, the Receiver will follow a similar procedure.

4.2. Form of Distribution

On behalf of all Receivership Entities, and in satisfaction of all Claims against all Receivership Entities on a collective and consolidated basis, the Receiver shall make, or cause to be made, the Distributions required under the Plan to Allowed Claimants by either (i) wiring the Cash payment according to wiring instructions provided by the Claimant via the Distribution Form, or (ii), for Allowed Claimants domiciled in the United States, issuing the Cash payment via automated clearing house ("ACH") payment according to instructions provided by the Claimant on the Distribution Form. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Receiver reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to choose an alternate method of payment, if, in his judgment, the Claimant's preferred method is not feasible or practicable. All Distribution payments shall be made in U.S. Dollars.

If a Claimant is unable to receive a Distribution in U.S. Dollars, the Receiver may, in his sole discretion, determine whether to permit payment of a Distribution in a foreign currency instead of the U.S. Dollar.

All wire, ACH, conversion, transfer fees, returned payment fees, and/or any other fees or expenses that may arise or be assessed by operation of this clause shall be borne exclusively by the Claimant and not by the Receiver or the Receivership Estate.

To the extent that none of the above payment methods authorized by the Receiver is practical for an Allowed Claimant, the Receiver may, in his sole discretion, decide to use a different payment method for such Allowed Claimant; however, the Receiver is not required to make any such exception.

4.3. Procedure for Distributions

Plan Distributions shall be made by the Receiver as provided in this Article 4.3.

COURT APPROVED PLAN**4.3.1 Distributions****4.3.1.1 Initial Distribution**

The Receiver shall commence payment of the Initial Distribution no later than the Initial Distribution Date. The Initial Distribution shall consist of Available Cash to be paid to Classes 1, 2, and 3, as provided in Articles 2 and 3 of the Plan.

4.3.1.2 Subsequent Distributions

Unless otherwise provided in this Plan, to the extent there is Available Cash remaining following the Initial Distribution, the Receiver shall file one or more Distribution Motions (i) seeking a Distribution Order establishing a Subsequent Distribution Date, a Rising Tide Percentage, a schedule of proposed Distributions, and other amounts to be allocated to the Reserve (if any); and (ii) upon the Court's issuance of a Distribution Order, furnishing a Distribution Notice to Claimants to include a statement of the Rising Tide Percentage and proposed Distribution to be made on account of each Allowed Claim, further including a statement of payments made to each Claimant in prior Distributions. On each Subsequent Distribution Date, the Receiver shall commence Distributions of Available Cash to Allowed Claimants in Classes 1-3 as provided in Articles 2 and 3 of the Plan.

4.3.1.3 Final Distribution

To the extent there is Available Cash remaining following the Initial Distribution and any Subsequent Distribution, the Receiver shall file a Distribution Motion (i) seeking a Distribution Order establishing a Final Distribution Date, a Rising Tide Percentage, and a schedule of proposed Distributions; and (ii) upon the Court's issuance of a Distribution Order, furnishing a Distribution Notice to include a statement of the Rising Tide Percentage and proposed Final Distribution to be made on account of each Allowed Claim, further including a statement of payments made to each Claimant in prior Distributions. On the Final Distribution Date, the Receiver shall commence Distribution of all remaining Available Cash as provided in Article 2 and Article 3 of the Plan to Allowed Claimants in Classes 1-3 whose Claims were Allowed before and as of the Final Distribution Date.

4.3.2 Objections to the Plan

Claimants had an opportunity to object to this Plan and the Motion to approve this Plan by filing a written opposition or objection on the docket of the SEC Action in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Civil Rules for the Southern District of New York within 21 days of the Receiver's filing of the Motion. During a hearing held on April 27, 2026, the Court considered all objections to the Motion and the Plan, and overruled them (ECF Nos. 409 & 411).

4.3.3 Objections to Subsequent Distribution Motions

Claimants may object to a subsequent Distribution Motion on the grounds that the proposed Distribution violates the Plan or the Claims Procedure Order, but may not object to the classification of Claims under the Plan, the Claims Procedure Order, or the methodology for

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calculating the Allowed Amount of the Claim. Any objection to a subsequent Distribution Motion shall be in writing and must be filed on the docket of the SEC Action in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Civil Rules for the Southern District of New York within 21 days of the Receiver's filing of the applicable Distribution Motion.

4.3.4 Distribution Form

Prior to the Initial Distribution Date, each Allowed Claimant receiving an Initial Distribution will be required to complete, certify, and return within thirty (30) days' of transmittal via the Claims Portal the Distribution Form, which will provide to the Receiver information related to the Claimant, including bank account transfer information and jurisdiction. Failure of a Claimant to timely complete and return the Distribution Form may result in a Forfeited Distribution.

4.3.5 Conditions of Distribution

No Distribution shall be made to any Claimant until such Claimant satisfies all applicable distribution conditions as set forth in the Plan, including timely completion and submission of a valid Distribution Form and any other information reasonably required to effectuate the Distribution. No Distribution shall be made to any Claimant who has challenged or appealed the Court's order approving the Plan until such appeal has been finally resolved. If a Claim, or any portion of a Claim, is Disputed, no Distribution or other payment will be made on account of such Claim unless and until such Disputed Claim becomes a Resolved and Allowed Claim.

4.3.6 Distributions Made Exclusively to Original Claimant

Distributions under the Plan shall be made exclusively to the original verified Claimant, and the Receiver shall not be responsible for ensuring that Distributions are paid to any Claimant's assignee or designee; *provided, however*, the Receiver may permit an exception for good cause shown and upon provision of adequate documentation by the Claimant, as determined by the Receiver in his sole discretion.

4.3.7 Delivery of Distributions

A Distribution to any Claimant returned as undeliverable shall be held by the Receiver subject to Articles 4.4.1 and 4.4.2. In the event that any Distribution is made in the form of a check, such Distribution shall be null and void if the check is not negotiated within 180 days of the date of issuance thereof. Surplus funds resulting from the operation of this Article shall be subject to Articles 4.4.1 and 4.4.2.

4.3.8 Withholding Taxes

Responsibility for compliance with any tax withholding, reporting, certification, and/or information requirements imposed by any domestic or foreign governmental authority related to any Distribution hereunder shall be borne solely by the recipient of such Distribution and not by the Receiver. The Receiver cannot give any tax advice to any Claimant, and Claimants are advised to consult their own tax advisors.

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The Receiver shall not be required to make a Distribution to any Claimant holding an Allowed Claim if the amount of any one Distribution on such Allowed Claim is less than \$50.00.

4.3.10 No Interest on Claims

No interest or profit shall accrue or be paid on or in connection with any Claim, and no Claimant shall be entitled to interest or profit during the period following the Receivership Date in connection with any such Claim or Distribution.

4.4. Disposition of Unclaimed Assets / Property**4.4.1 Unclaimed Distribution**

In the event that (a) any Distribution to any Claimant holding an Allowed Claim is unclaimed or returned as undeliverable; (b) the Claimant holding an Allowed Claim does not timely respond to any request by the Receiver for information necessary to facilitate a particular Distribution; or (c) a Claimant holding an Allowed Claim fails to claim a Distribution by the Forfeiture Date, such Claimant shall forfeit all rights to payment on account of such Claimant's Claim, and all forfeited funds shall revert to the Receivership Estate. For the avoidance of doubt, failure to negotiate a check or other negotiable instrument sent in satisfaction of the Receiver's obligation to make a Distribution prior to the Forfeiture Date shall invoke the operation of this Article.

4.4.2 Forfeited Distribution

Upon the forfeiture of Cash or the right to any Distribution pursuant to Article 4.4.1, such Cash, right, or obligation shall be treated as a Forfeited Distribution and any Cash shall be returned to the Receivership Estate as if the related Claim(s) have been disallowed or denied. Nothing herein shall require further efforts to attempt to locate or notify any Person with respect to any Forfeited Distribution.

4.4.3 Remnant Assets

Except as the Court may otherwise subsequently allow on motion by the Receiver, to the extent Receivership Assets remain after (i) making all required Distributions under the Plan; and (ii) paying all professional fees, taxes, and administrative expenses owed pursuant to the Receiver Order, such Assets shall be assigned to or (if feasible) converted to Cash and deposited with the Treasurer of the United States or a designated depository, in the name and to the credit of the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. § 2041.

4.5. Compliance With Applicable Law

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Receiver shall be authorized to take any action he deems reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with applicable law in connection with making any Distribution as required hereunder. By way of example, and without limitation, the Receiver shall be permitted to (i) withhold Distributions

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otherwise payable to Claimants holding Resolved Claims based on restrictions under applicable law or regulations including as promulgated by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and (ii) establish any other mechanisms the Receiver believes are reasonable and appropriate consistent with the foregoing.

Article 5. EFFECT OF PLAN APPROVAL**5.1. Satisfaction of Claims Against the Receivership Estate**

The Court's approval of the Plan shall, as of the date of an entry of an order approving the Plan: (i) discharge the Receivership Entities from all Claims, demands, liabilities, other debts, interests, and other obligations that arose on or before the Effective Date, whether or not (a) a Proof of Claim based on any such obligation is filed or deemed filed; (b) a Claim based on any such obligation is Allowed; or (c) a Claimant has objected to the Plan; and (ii) preclude all Persons from asserting against the Receivership Entities any other or further Claims or interests based upon any act or omission, transaction, or other activity of any kind or nature that occurred prior to the date of an entry of an order approving the Plan.

5.2. Releases

The Released Parties shall not be liable to anyone for his, her, or their own good faith compliance with: (i) any order, rule, law, judgment or decree; (ii) the duties and responsibilities of the Receiver or as professional to the Receiver; and/or (iii) any actions taken or omitted by them, except on a finding by the Court that he, she, or they acted or failed to act as a result of intentional misconduct, bad faith, or in reckless disregard of his, her, its, or their duties. As of the date of an entry of an order approving the Plan, all Claimants, Persons, creditors, investors, defendants, and other parties in interest shall be permanently and forever barred, restrained and enjoined from taking any action or imposing any liability on the Released Parties without first obtaining relief to do so from the Court and limited solely to the extent provided by the exception in (iii) above.

5.3. Binding Effect

The Plan shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, all Receivership Entities, Claimants, Persons, parties in interest, and governmental units, and each of their respective successors heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, whether or not such Persons are entitled to receive any Distribution thereunder.

5.4. Receivership Order Not Superseded

To the extent there is any conflict between the Plan and the Receivership Order or the Plan and the Distribution Motion, the Plan shall control only to the extent necessary to effectuate the Distribution scheme set forth herein. To the extent that it is not expressly superseded by, or clearly contrary to, the provisions of this Plan, the Receivership Order shall remain in full force and effect through entry of an order closing the SEC Action, unless otherwise superseded by an Order of the Court.

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5.5. SEC Actions Unaffected by Plan

Notwithstanding anything in this Article 5 or any other provision of the Plan, nothing in the Plan shall discharge, waive, settle, release or preclude any current or future legal action or claim that has been or may be brought by the SEC.

Article 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

6.1. Effective Date

This Plan shall become effective on the Effective Date.

6.2. Jurisdiction of Court

This Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to interpret and enforce this Plan and to adjudicate all matters arising out of, and related to the Receivership and the Plan, including jurisdiction, power and authority to: (a) consider any amendments or modifications of the Plan requested by the Receiver; (b) cure any defect or omission, or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan, or any order of the Court; (c) issue such orders in aid of execution of, or to enforce, the Plan as may be necessary and appropriate; (d) hear and determine all litigation, Causes of Action and all controversies, suits and disputes that may arise in connection with the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of this Plan and any settlements or compromises reflected herein; (e) ensure that distributions to Claimants holding Allowed Resolved Claims are accomplished pursuant to the provisions of this Plan; (f) protect the Receivership Assets from adverse claims or actions inconsistent with the Plan, including the issuance of injunctions or other such action as may be necessary or appropriate to restrain interference with the implementation or enforcement of the Plan; (g) enter a final order closing the SEC Action and discharging the Receiver and the Released Parties; and (h) hear and determine all other issues or matters necessary to carry out the purpose of this Plan.

6.3. Governing Law

Except to the extent that federal law is applicable or the Plan provides otherwise, the rights and obligations arising under the Plan shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York without giving effect to its conflict of law principles.

6.4. Notices

In general, the Receiver will provide notice to Claimants via the Claims Portal, which is the preferred method of communication. All notices, requests, and demands to or upon the Receiver shall be made in writing and delivered (i) through the Claims Portal; (ii) via email to qin-receivership@bakerlaw.com; or (iii) by mail addressed to Robert A. Musiala, Jr. c/o Baker & Hostetler, LLP, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10111 Attn: Jimmy Fokas. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any notice required or permitted to be provided under the Plan shall be in writing and served (i) through the Claims Portal; (ii) by email; and/or (iii) by docketing on the Court's Electronic Case Files (ECF) system, where appropriate and as may be necessary/required.

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If any term or provision of this Plan is determined by the Court to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the Court will have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, and such term or provision will then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration, or interpretation, the remainder of the terms and provisions of this Plan will remain in full force and effect and will in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated by such holding, alteration, or interpretation.

6.6. Amendments or Modifications

The Receiver expressly reserves the right to alter, amend, or modify this Plan, one or more times, after this Court's approval, if such alteration, amendment or modification does not, in the Receiver's judgment, materially alter the Plan, and, to the extent necessary, seek this Court's approval to so alter, amend, or modify this Plan, remedy any defect or omission, or reconcile any inconsistencies in this Plan, in such manner as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this Plan. The Receiver shall post any amendments to the Plan with a redline on the Receivership Website and shall inform the Court in his regularly filed status report.

6.7. No Admissions

As to causes of action or threatened causes of action, nothing in the Plan shall constitute or be construed as an admission of any fact or liability, stipulation, or waiver, but rather as a statement made in settlement negotiations. The Plan shall not be construed to constitute advice on the tax, securities, and other legal effects of the Plan as to any Claimant holding a Claim against, or interest in, the Receivership Entities or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates.

6.8. Exhibits; Schedules

Subject to the procedures for determining the Allowed Amount and classification of Claims delineated in the Claims Procedure Order, all Exhibits or Schedules to the Plan are incorporated into and are a part of the Plan as if set forth in full herein.

6.9. Dissolution of Receivership Entities

As part of this Plan, at or near the conclusion of the Receiver's administration of the Receivership Assets, the Receiver will take such actions as are necessary to dissolve the Receivership Entities. Such dissolution will include the filing of articles of dissolution if necessary, compliance with applicable state and local laws and procedures related to entity dissolution, and the filing of final tax returns.

6.10. Reports to the Court and Claimants

The Receiver shall continue to file quarterly status reports with this Court as provided in the Receivership Order. Such reports shall include information regarding the status of efforts to

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implement this Plan. The Receiver shall post a copy of the quarterly status reports on the Receivership Website in order to provide notice to Claimants.

6.11. Application for Order Terminating the Receivership

When the Receiver has fully administered the Receivership Assets, the Receiver may, in consultation with the SEC, apply to this Court for an order terminating his appointment as Receiver, closing the SEC Action, and ending the Receivership. Any such application shall be accompanied by (a) a final accounting identifying (i) all Receivership Assets, their source and value; (ii) all liabilities, the nature and amount of such claims; and (iii) all Distributions made by the Receiver pursuant to the Plan; and (b) a proposal for a final disposition of remaining Receivership Assets (if any).

6.12. Preservation of Records

The Receiver shall preserve all material records and documents relating to his appointment as Receiver until a date that is three (3) years following entry of an order closing the SEC Action.

/s/ Robert A. Musiala, Jr.

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Schedule 1

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Resolved Claims**Resolved Investor Class Claims**

Claimant No.	Class	Allowed Amount¹
10003	Investor	\$899,955.65
10005	Investor	\$86,272.99
10006	Investor	\$717,485.05
10007	Investor	\$264,229.31
10009	Investor	\$673,691.77
10012	Investor	\$250,000.00
10013	Investor	\$1,300,000.00
10016	Investor	\$250,000.00
10018	Investor	\$269,055.89
10020	Investor	\$1,851,433.05
10021	Investor	\$150,000.00
10022	Investor / Employee	\$122,000.00 ²
10023	Investor	\$712,176.13
10024	Investor	\$218,136.23
10025	Investor	\$425,137.37
10026	Investor	\$520,125.16
10027	Investor	\$107,676.94
10029	Investor	\$3,700,000.00
10030	Investor	\$8494,900.95
10031	Investor	\$269,045.69
10033	Investor	\$250,000.00
10035	Investor	\$268,296.52
10036	Investor	\$2,268,307.98
10037	Investor	\$4,798,881.58
10038	Investor	\$400,000.00
10040	Investor	\$174,199.09
10041	Investor	\$250,025.00
10042	Investor	\$161,910.60
10043	Investor	\$1,854,257.19
10044	Investor	\$250,000.00
10045	Investor	\$250,000.00
10046	Investor	\$100,000.00
10047	Investor	\$88,056.44
10048	Investor	\$3,000,000.00
10049	Investor	\$47,828.62
10050	Investor	\$1,202,782.67
10051	Investor	\$100,000.00
10052	Investor	\$200,000.00
10055	Investor	\$614,915.64
10056	Investor	\$479,162.74
10059	Investor	\$895,341.00
10060	Investor	\$30,268.38
10061	Investor	\$1,019,557.50
10062	Investor	\$360,261.32
10065	Investor	\$87,630.83

¹ The Allowed Amount is not indicative of the amount a Claimant will or should expect to receive through any distribution(s) of Recoverable Assets. Instead, it may permit a Claimant holding an Allowed Claim with a positive Allowed Amount to be eligible for distribution(s) from the Receivership Estate depending upon the terms of the Distribution Plan approved by the Court.

² This represents the Allowed Amount of the Investor portion of the Claim.

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Claimant No.	Class	Allowed Amount ¹
10067	Investor	\$699,975.00
10068	Investor	\$3,511,149.32
10069	Investor	\$263,775.11
10070	Investor	\$1,000,000.00
10073	Investor	\$2,350,891.77
10074	Investor	\$2,892,093.59
10075	Investor	\$3,655,722.60
10077	Investor	\$500,000.00
10078	Investor	\$490,823.48
10079	Investor	\$616,535.05
10080	Investor	\$250,000.00
10082	Investor	\$100,000.00
10084	Investor	\$300,000.00
10085	Investor	\$282,751.34
10086	Investor	\$306,685.84
10087	Investor	\$485,040.00
10089	Investor	\$298,350.91
10090	Investor	\$4,215,833.40
10091	Investor	\$103,371.31
10092	Investor	\$20,293.72
10093	Investor	\$2,075,471.71
10095	Investor	\$104,732.85
10098	Investor	\$163,503.27
10106	Investor	\$200,000.00
10107	Investor	\$1,199,712.80
10108	Investor	\$258,038.36
10109	Investor	\$3,407,928.27
10114	Investor	\$20,183.55
Total		\$62,605,868.53

Resolved Employee Class Claims

Claimant No.	Class	Allowed Amount
10011	Employee	\$3,375.00
10015	Employee	\$22,687.52
10022	Investor / Employee	\$8,521.33 ³
10028	Employee	\$1,082.50
10071	Employee	\$11,846.15
10076	Employee	\$6,250.00
10083	Employee	\$7,750.00
10099	Employee	\$7,468.75
10115	Employee	\$4,000.00
Total		\$72,981.25

Resolved Unsecured Creditor Class Claims

Claimant No.	Class	Allowed Amount
10014	General Unsecured	\$10,000.00
10058	General Unsecured	\$18,000.00
10102	General Unsecured	\$7,900.00
Total		\$35,900.00

³ This represents the Allowed Amount of the Employee portion of the Claim.

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Resolved Denied Claims

Claimant No.	Class	Allowed Amount
10004	Denied	\$0.00
10008	Denied	\$0.00
10010	Denied	\$0.00
10017	Denied	\$0.00
10019	Denied	\$0.00
10032	Denied	\$0.00
10034	Denied	\$0.00
10039	Denied	\$0.00
10057	Denied	\$0.00
10063	Denied	\$0.00
10064	Denied	\$0.00
10066	Denied	\$0.00
10072	Denied	\$0.00
10081	Denied	\$0.00
10088	Denied	\$0.00
10094	Denied	\$0.00
10096	Denied	\$0.00
10097	Denied	\$0.00
10100	Denied	\$0.00
10101	Denied	\$0.00
10104	Denied	\$0.00
10110	Denied	\$0.00
10111	Denied	\$0.00
10112	Denied	\$0.00
10113	Denied	\$0.00
Total		\$0.00

Withdrawn Claims

Claimant No.	Class	Allowed Amount
10002	Withdrawn	--
10053	Withdrawn	--
10054	Withdrawn	--
10103	Withdrawn	--
10105	Withdrawn	--
Total		--