

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 97083 / March 8, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17614

In the Matter of

**Laurence I. Balter d/b/a Oracle
Investment Research,**

Respondent.

**ORDER DIRECTING
DISBURSEMENT OF FAIR FUND**

On December 29, 2021, the Division of Enforcement, pursuant to delegated authority, published a Notice of Proposed Plan of Distribution and Opportunity for Comment (“Notice”),¹ pursuant to Rule 1103 of the Commission’s Rules on Fair Fund and Disgorgement Plans (“Commission’s Rules”);² and simultaneously posted the Proposed Plan of Distribution (the “Proposed Plan”). The Notice advised interested persons that they could obtain a copy of the Proposed Plan from the Commission’s public website or by submitting a written request to David H. London, United States Securities and Exchange Commission, 33 Arch Street, 24th Floor, Boston, MA 02110. The Notice also advised that all persons desiring to comment on the Proposed Plan could submit their comments, in writing, within 30 days of the Notice. The Commission received a comment on the Proposed Plan during the comment period.

¹ Exchange Act Rel. No. 93872 (Dec. 29, 2021).

² 17 C.F.R. § 201.1103.

On May 5, 2022, after a thorough review and substantial consideration, the Commission issued an order approving the Proposed Plan without modification,³ and posted the approved Plan of Distribution (the “Plan”).

The Plan provides for the distribution of the Fair Fund, plus accumulated interest, less taxes, fees, and expenses, to the harmed investors according to the methodology set forth in the Plan.

Pursuant to the Plan, the Fund Administrator has submitted a payment file to Commission staff with a reasonable assurances letter as to the completeness and accuracy of the information contained therein. The Commission staff has reviewed and accepted the payment file and requests, pursuant to Rule 1101(b)(6) of the Commission’s Rules, 17 C.F.R. § 201.1101(b)(6), that the Commission authorize the transfer of \$463,295.94 from the Fair Fund to the Fair Fund’s escrow account at UMB Escrow Bank for distribution by the Fund Administrator to the harmed investors in accordance with the Plan.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, that Commission staff shall transfer \$463,295.94 from the Fair Fund to the Fair Fund’s escrow account at UMB Escrow Bank, and the Fund Administrator shall distribute such monies to harmed investors in accordance with the Plan.

For the Commission, by the Division of Enforcement, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Vanessa A. Countryman
Secretary

³ See Order Approving Plan of Distribution, Exchange Act Rel. No. 94857 (May 5, 2022).

⁴ 17 C.F.R. § 200.30-4(a)(21)(v).