

Frequently Asked Questions

I received a Notice and Proof of Claim form for a securities class action. In general terms, what is this about?

We suggest that you refer to the sections typically referred to as *History of the Litigation* and *Reasons for Settlement* in the Notice. While technical in nature, they discuss (1) allegations made by the Plaintiff's Counsel; (2) any judgments made by the Court; (3) and potential outcomes and recovery.

Why did I receive this information?

Your name and address were provided to us by one of the following: (1) the stock transfer agent; (2) your stockbroker; or (3) your portfolio manager.

What are my options?

Generally, potential class members have the following options: (1) file a claim; (2) request exclusion from the Class [if you submit a valid and timely request for exclusion, you shall not share in the distribution of the settlement, and shall not be bound by any judgment or order in the litigation]; (3) do nothing at all [in this case, you shall not share in the distribution of the settlement, you will be, however, bound by any judgment or order in the litigation].

Please explain the terminology used in the material I received.

For the reader, to better understand the process, some basic terminology is provided below:

Class Period – the period of time during which an alleged wrongdoing has occurred. Consequently, any trading activity in eligible securities is limited by that same time frame.

Notice – a legal document that outlines the nature of the case, describes the options available to potential class members, and describes the manner in which the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed.

Net Settlement Fund – the Settlement Fund less the applicable fees and expenses.

Plan of Allocation – the plan, method or model used to determine compensatory damages, if any, sustained by each individual claimant as well as the whole Class.

Recognized Loss – the amount of compensatory damages as per the plan of allocation. Please note that recognized losses have little or no correlation with realized losses, if any.

What is the Settlement Hearing, and do I have to attend?

The Court has scheduled a hearing to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the proposed Settlement and to consider the request of plaintiffs' counsel for the award of attorney's fees and expenses. It is **not** necessary for a claimant to appear at the Hearing. The Class will be represented by the plaintiffs' counsel.

When will I receive my share of the Net Settlement Fund?

A distribution cannot be made until all claims have been examined and evaluated, which takes a considerable amount of time. The distribution of the Net Settlement Fund will be made in accordance with the Plan of Allocation as described in the Notice. Please note that distribution of the Net Settlement Fund is also subject to final approval of the Court.

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How much money will I receive?

Recognized Loss (Recognized Claim, Allowed Claim, Claim). Recognized Loss is the amount of compensatory damages as per the plan of allocation. It has little or no correlation with realized losses, if any. Please note, that the Recognized Loss is not the amount of money a claimant will receive. Your *pro-rata* distribution will be calculated as follow (*most settlements are distributed on a pro-rata basis*):

Distribution Amount = [Claimant's Recognized Loss / Total Recognized Loss of all claimants] x the Net Settlement fund

Is the distribution taxable?

For information concerning the tax treatment of any proceeds you may receive from the Net Settlement Fund, please consult your tax advisor.

What if I purchased my shares through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan? Do I qualify?

Unless specifically instructed to the contrary, dividends are typically treated as regular purchases. There are, however, special circumstances, and we suggest that you contact us for further case-specific information.

How do I notify you of a wrong address or a change of address?

Please send **written** notification of your correct address to:

Claims Administrator
Name of Litigation
c/o Berdon Claims Administration LLC
360 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017
FAX (212) 371 1159

Be sure to indicate the name of litigation, your name, old address, new address, and your claim number, if known, or your Social Security Number or Tax ID.