

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Plaintiff,

v.

SANJAY SAXENA and MUMTAZ SAXENA,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission")

alleges:

I. NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. In 1995, this court enjoined Sanjay Saxena ("Saxena") from violating certain provisions of the federal securities laws. That same year, the Commission entered an Order barring him from the securities industry. Since 1995, Saxena has engaged in repeated violations of the federal securities laws, the injunction of this court, and the Commission's order barring him from the securities industry ("bar order"). Saxena's wife, Mumtaz Saxena ("M. Saxena"), also has violated the federal securities laws.

2. Between October 1995 and August 1996, Saxena and M. Saxena formed an investment adviser and two investment companies. Saxena's role in the formation and operation of these entities violated the Commission's bar order, and he used his wife as a

front to create the appearance that he had not violated the order.

3. Between February 1996 and February 1997, the Saxenas conducted unlawful unregistered public offerings of interests in the investment companies by soliciting thousands of potential investors, mostly subscribers to investment newsletters written by Saxena, through direct mailings and internet notices that contained material misrepresentations. They subsequently sold approximately \$3.4 million in interests in the two funds to 32 persons and entities. The Saxenas received approximately \$280,000 in management fees from the funds.

4. Between March and November 1995, in contravention of the Commission's bar order, Saxena acted as an investment adviser for certain accounts at a broker-dealer, for which he collected approximately \$27,000 in advisory fees.

5. Saxena and M. Saxena violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate, the antifraud and registration provisions of the federal securities laws, and Saxena violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate the Commission's bar order. The Commission seeks permanent injunctions, disgorgement of the Defendants' ill-gotten gains (plus prejudgment interest), civil monetary penalties, and an order commanding Saxena to comply with the Commission's bar order.

II. JURISDICTION

6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Section 22(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77v(a)], Sections 21 and 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u and 78aa] and Section 214 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act") [15 U.S.C. § 80b-14].

7. The Defendants transact business in the District of Massachusetts. Further, many of the acts and transactions on which this action is based, including the offers and sales of securities, occurred here. Accordingly, this action may be brought here pursuant to Section 22(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §77u(a)], Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §77aa] and Section 214 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-14].

III. DEFENDANTS AND RELATED ENTITIES

Defendants

8. Saxena, 35, a resident of Cary, North Carolina, has a Masters Degree in computer science, and worked in the programming, development and marketing of computer software until August 1992. He currently publishes several investment newsletters under the d/b/a "Vital Information." On February 25, 1995, Saxena was enjoined by consent from violating the registration and antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws. On February 28, 1995, the Commission entered an Order barring him from the securities industry.

9. M. Saxena, 38, is Saxena's wife, and resides with him in Cary, North Carolina.

Related Entities

10. Saxena Capital Management, Inc. ("Saxena Capital") was a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Cary, North Carolina, and was the general partner of, and investment adviser to, the two funds at issue in this matter. M. Saxena was the president, chief executive officer, and sole officer, director and shareholder of Saxena Capital. It was dissolved in June 1998.

11. Index Timing Fund, L.P. ("Index Timing"), a Delaware limited partnership organized on November 22, 1995, began operation on January 1, 1996. Index Timing pooled funds invested by its limited partners for investing in index mutual funds. It was dissolved in May 1998.

12. Saxena Growth Fund, L.P. ("Saxena Growth"), a Delaware limited partnership organized on August 29, 1996, began operation on September 1, 1996. Saxena Growth pooled funds invested by its limited partners for investing in securities of small to mid-cap companies. It was dissolved in April 1998.

IV. FACTS

Background

13. Saxena began publishing his first investment newsletter under the d/b/a/ "Vital Information" in 1992. He currently publishes four newsletters (Hot Funds Analyst, Hot Stocks Digest,

Blue Chip Advisor, and Growth Stocks Report) and two mutual fund timing services (Sector Fund Timer and Ultimate Timing Service). The newsletters list the stocks or mutual funds that Saxena's computerized timing systems identify as attractive investments. Saxena promotes the newsletters and timing services through a publicly-available internet web site and direct mail solicitations that contain numerous misleading statements about the risks and returns of following the timing systems published in the newsletters.

14. On December 7, 1994, the Commission filed an emergency action seeking a temporary restraining order against Saxena alleging that he misappropriated over \$600,000 during the fraudulent sale of \$3.2 million of unregistered interests in an investment pool to 165 investors, most of whom were newsletter subscribers. On the same day, the Court granted the Commission's requested relief of a temporary restraining order, asset freeze and an accounting. On February 25, 1995, Saxena consented to the entry of a judgment including: 1) a permanent injunction against further violations of the securities registration and antifraud provisions; and 2) an order to disgorge \$703,000, representing all monies owed to investors, and to pay prejudgment and postjudgment interest. (SEC v. Saxena, No. 94-12419REK (D. Mass., February 25, 1995)). In an action instituted by the Commission pursuant to Sections 203(e) and 203(f) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 80b-3 and 80b-4], Saxena also consented to a Commission

order, dated February 28, 1995, permanently barring him from association with any broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, investment adviser or investment company. (Sanjay Saxena, Advisers Act Release No. 1475 (February 28, 1995), 1995 SEC LEXIS 490).

15. In violation of the bar order, Saxena was substantially involved in the formation and operation of Saxena Capital, Index Timing and Saxena Growth. He participated in drafting the offering memoranda, located the firms that would provide services to the funds, provided his subscriber lists and prospects lists for solicitations, solicited investors in his newsletters, brochures and on his internet site for his newsletters, made virtually all investment decisions for the funds through his newsletter recommendations, made the initial \$50,000 capital contribution to Index Timing, and provided free office space and administrative support. The Saxenas never disclosed to offerées and investors that Saxena had been barred from the securities industry.

Formation Of Saxena Capital, Index Timing And Saxena Growth

16. In October 1995, eight months after entry of the bar order, the Saxenas formed an investment adviser, Saxena Capital, and an investment company structured as a limited partnership, Index Timing. Saxena initially sought the assistance of a company that provides set-up and operational services to private investment companies, but it refused to assist Saxena in forming

such a company due to the existence of the Commission's bar order. Saxena then involved M. Saxena in forming the investment adviser and the investment company.

17. To evade the bar order, M. Saxena, with Saxena's assistance, incorporated Saxena Capital. The Saxenas together completed a manager questionnaire, which was used to prepare the Index Timing offering memorandum that falsely stated that M. Saxena alone would manage the fund. In addition, Saxena located the brokerage firm, custodian bank and accountant to prepare the fund's monthly statements and tax returns, and assisted M. Saxena in opening the necessary accounts.

18. During the summer of 1996, the Saxenas formed another investment company, Saxena Growth. The Saxenas completed the manager questionnaire and other materials for the preparation of the Saxena Growth offering memorandum, and Saxena assisted M. Saxena with opening a brokerage account for the custody and trading of investor funds. Saxena Capital also was the investment adviser to Saxena Growth.

Unregistered Public Offerings of Securities,
and Material Misrepresentations and Omissions

19. No registration statement has ever been filed for Index Timing and Saxena Growth securities, and no exemption from registration was available. Although the Index Timing and Saxena Growth offering memoranda stated that they were private offerings of securities that were exempt from the registration provisions of the federal securities laws, the Saxenas in fact conducted

multiple general solicitations directed to Saxena's thousands of newsletter subscribers and prospects. Saxena also solicited the general public for investments in Index Timing and/or through Saxena Capital through notices on the internet web site for his newsletters.

20. In February 1996, Saxena provided a list of his newsletter subscribers to M. Saxena. M. Saxena then sent an Index Timing promotional brochure to the 8,635 persons and entities on the list. Although Saxena normally charged a rental fee for use of this list, he charged nothing for this use.

21. The Index Timing promotional brochure stated that the fund would be based upon "Vital Information's proven Best Intermediate Term Timing System (BITS)."

22. M. Saxena mailed several follow-up promotional materials for Index Timing that pressured potential investors to act quickly by falsely representing that the minimum investment of \$150,000 had temporarily been lowered to \$75,000. None of the purported deadlines were enforced, and the minimum investment was never \$150,000.

23. In July 1996, Saxena provided M. Saxena with a list of newsletter subscribers and other prospects. M. Saxena used the list to send a Saxena Growth promotional brochure to the 15,193 persons and entities on the list. Although Saxena normally charged a rental fee for use of this list, he charged nothing for this use.

24. M. Saxena also mailed follow-up Saxena Growth promotional materials to potential investors that pressured investors to act quickly by falsely representing that the minimum investment of \$200,000 had been temporarily lowered to \$100,000. None of the purported deadlines were enforced, and the minimum investment was never \$200,000.

25. In October 1996, M. Saxena mailed a Saxena Growth promotion that stated that Index Timing had achieved a return of 20% for the month of September 1996. In reality, however, Index Timing's return for September 1996 was 14.38%.

26. M. Saxena copied several of the promotional materials for Index Timing and Saxena Growth from Saxena's newsletter-brochures, deleting only references to the newsletters and inserting the name of the fund. Such mimicry suggested to the newsletter subscribers that received the solicitations that Saxena had created, was offering, and would manage the fund. None of the materials disclosed the Commission's bar order against Saxena.

27. In the summer of 1996, Saxena began placing notices in his newsletters that solicited subscribers to invest in Index Timing. These notices suggested that Index Timing was a financial product offered by Saxena, and did not disclose Saxena's bar.

28. In July 1996, Saxena mailed a brochure to his Mutual Fund Bulletin subscribers, which described Index Timing as an

investment that he offered. The brochure did not disclose Saxena's bar.

29. During at least the second half of 1996, Saxena sent a welcoming package to new newsletter subscribers that advised them that money management services were available through Saxena Capital.

30. During 1996, Saxena placed a notice on his Vital Information internet web site that money management services were available from Saxena Capital.

31. Saxena's publication of these notices in the newsletters, brochures, welcoming packages and web site suggested that the "Saxena" behind Saxena Capital was Saxena, not M. Saxena. None of these materials disclosed the fact that Saxena had been barred.

32. Saxena did not charge any fee for publishing these notices.

33. Between February 1996 and February 1997, M. Saxena sent the Index Timing offering memorandum for up to \$100 million of limited partnership interests to 581 persons. The offering memorandum falsely stated that the minimum investment was \$150,000.

The Index Timing Offering Memorandum

34. The Index Timing offering memorandum falsely stated that Saxena Capital (the corporation that M. Saxena was president

of) had developed the BITS market timing system that would be used. In reality, Saxena developed BITS.

35. Despite the implication in the Index Timing offering memorandum that the person who created BITS would manage the fund, Saxena's name and the fact that he had been barred were not disclosed.

36. The Index Timing offering memorandum stated that M. Saxena (by implication, the creator of BITS) alone would manage Index Timing's investments, using her "considerable investment experience." In reality, however, she had very little actual investment experience. The fund's actual investment activities were mechanical: M. Saxena principally followed Saxena's recommendations for the index fund model portfolio in his Hot Funds Analyst newsletter.

The Saxena Growth Offering Memorandum

37. Between September 1996 and February 1997, M. Saxena sent the Saxena Growth offering memorandum for up to \$100 million of limited partnership interests to 487 persons. The Saxena Growth offering memorandum falsely stated that the minimum investment was \$200,000.

38. The Saxena Growth offering memorandum falsely stated that Saxena Capital would perform its own computer assisted analysis of securities and derivatives, and that M. Saxena alone would manage Saxena Growth's investments, using her "considerable investment experience." In reality, however, she simply followed

Saxena's recommendations in his Hot Stocks Digest newsletter for most of the fund's investments.

39. Both offering memoranda falsely stated that they were exempt private offerings of securities.

False Statements Concerning Participation in the Funds

40. Both offering memoranda contained a statement under the section headed "Reasons to Consider an Investment," that "the General Partner and Ms. Saxena have invested at least \$50,000 in the Partnership . . . [which] is subject to the same risks of loss as an investment by a limited partner." These statements were false as of the dates of offering memoranda. Saxena Capital's \$50,000 investment in Index Timing was not made until October 1996, when Saxena contributed the \$50,000. Saxena Capital's investment in Saxena Growth did not reach \$50,000 until July 31, 1997.

Total Investments in the Funds

41. A total of 17 persons and entities purchased Index Timing limited partnership interests, for a total of \$1.5 million. A total of 15 persons and entities purchased Saxena Growth limited partnership interests, for a total of \$1.9 million.

Saxena's Role In The Funds' Operations

42. Saxena provided most of the investment decision-making for the funds through his newsletters, which he provided free of charge until December 1997. In addition, Saxena played a central

role in administering the funds. He provided free advertising for the funds in his newsletters, brochures, welcoming packages and internet web site. He provided free-of-charge office space, telephone services and utilities at Vital Information's commercial office space to Saxena Capital until December 1997. At some time after the formation of Index Timing and until February 1998, Saxena's administrative assistant, with Saxena's assent, and without charge, assisted M. Saxena with the funds' administrative functions.

Liquidation Of The Funds

43. In May 1998, M. Saxena liquidated Index Timing's investments and distributed the proceeds to its remaining nine investors. From its inception, Saxena Capital received \$144,784.83 in management and performance fees from Index Timing.

44. In April 1998, M. Saxena liquidated Saxena Growth's investments and distributed the proceeds to its remaining ten investors. From inception, Saxena Capital received \$134,952.05 in management and performance fees from Saxena Growth.

Saxena's Additional Violation of the Bar Order in a Consulting Relationship

45. In October 1994, Saxena entered into a "consulting" agreement with a registered broker-dealer, Thorson Zahler & Co. ("Thorson") of Edmonds, Washington. The agreement allowed Saxena's newsletter subscribers to open brokerage accounts with Thorson, in which Thorson would implement the newsletter's recommendations at reduced commission rates. The agreement

provided that Saxena would receive an annual consultant fee of 1.75% of net assets under management amortized on a monthly basis.

46. Saxena sent a notice describing the availability of this service to his newsletter subscribers, but did not disclose that he would receive the consulting fee. Saxena's subscribers opened a total of 184 such accounts with Thorson, and total assets under management reached \$4.1 million by May 1995.

47. Saxena did not terminate the agreement with Thorson upon entry of the Commission's bar order on February 28, 1995, as he was required to do, and thereafter did not disclose to the Thorson investors that he had been barred.

48. Between March and November 1995, the first nine months of his bar order, Saxena improperly received a total of \$27,155.56 from Thorson pursuant to the agreement.

FIRST CLAIM

FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF SECURITIES

Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15.U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5]

49. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 48 above are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference herein.

50. At various times since at least February 1996, Defendants Saxena and M. Saxena directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, by the use of the means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails: (a) have employed devices,

schemes, or artifices to defraud; (b) have made untrue statements of material facts or have omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (c) have engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business which have operated as a fraud or deceit upon persons, in connection with the purchase or sale of Index Timing and Saxena Growth securities as set forth above. --

51. By reason of the transactions, acts, omissions, practices and courses of business set forth herein, into which the Defendants entered knowingly or recklessly, Defendants Saxena and M. Saxena have violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5].

SECOND CLAIM

FRAUD IN THE OFFER AND SALE OF SECURITIES.

Violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §77q(a)]

52. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 51 above are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference herein.

53. At various times since at least February 1996, Defendants Saxena and M. Saxena, singly or in concert, in the offer or sale of securities by the use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by the use of the mails, directly or indirectly: (a) have employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; (b) have obtained money or property by means of untrue statements of

material fact or omissions to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (c) have engaged in transactions, acts, practices, or courses of business which operated as a fraud upon purchasers of Index Timing and Saxena Growth securities as set forth above.

54. By reason of the transactions, acts, omissions, practices and courses of business set forth herein, into which the Defendants entered knowingly or recklessly, the Defendants have violated Section 17(a) (1) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §77q(a) (1)].

55. By reason of the transactions, acts, omissions, practices and courses of business set forth herein, into which the Defendants entered knowingly, recklessly or negligently, the Defendants have violated Sections 17(a) (2) and 17(a) (3) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§77q(a) (2) and 77q(a) (3)].

THIRD CLAIM

OFFER AND SALE OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES

Violations of Sections 5(a) and (c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) and (c)]

56. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 55 above are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference herein.

57. At various times since at least February 1996, Defendants Saxena and M. Saxena, directly or indirectly: (a) have made use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to sell

securities through the use or medium of a prospectus or otherwise as to which no registration statement has been filed with the Commission and for which no exemption from registration has been available; (b) for the purpose of sale or delivery after sale, have carried and/or caused to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by means or instruments of transportation, securities as to which no registration statement has been in effect and for which no exemption from registration has been available; and (c) have made use of means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell through the use or medium of a prospectus or otherwise, securities as to which no registration statement has been filed and for which no exemption from registration has been available.

58. By reason of the transactions, acts, omissions, practices and courses of business set forth herein, Defendants Saxena and M. Saxena have violated Sections 5(a) and (c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §77e(a) and (c)].

FOURTH CLAIM

FRAUD UPON CLIENTS OF INVESTMENT ADVISER

Violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2)
of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§80b-6(1) and (2)]

59. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 58 above are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference herein.

60. At various times since at least February 1996, Defendants Saxena and M. Saxena, directly or indirectly, singly

and in concert, by use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce: (a) knowingly or recklessly employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud clients or prospective clients; and (b) knowingly, recklessly or negligently, engaged in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operated as a fraud or deceit upon clients or prospective clients, as set forth above.

61. By reason of the foregoing transactions, acts, omissions, practices or courses of business Defendants Saxena and M. Saxena violated Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §80b-6(1) and (2)].

FIFTH CLAIM

FRAUD UPON CLIENTS OF INVESTMENT ADVISER

Violations of Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §80b-6(4)] and Rule 206(4)-1(a)(5) thereunder [17 C.F.R. §275.206(4)-1(a)(5)]

62. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 61 above are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference herein.

63. At various times since at least October 1994, Defendant Saxena, directly or indirectly, by use of the mails or any means of instrumentality of interstate commerce, knowingly, recklessly or negligently, published, circulated or distributed advertisements that contained untrue statements of material facts or which were otherwise false or misleading.

64. By reason of the foregoing transactions, acts, omissions, practices or courses of business Defendant Saxena

violated Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §80b-6(4)] and Rule 206(4)-1(a)(5) thereunder [17 C.F.R. §275.206(4)-1(a)(5)].

SIXTH CLAIM

VIOLATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE COMMISSION'S ORDER

65. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 64 above are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference herein.

66. Since on or about February 28, 1995, Defendant Saxena had actual notice of the Commission's order that barred him from association with any broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, investment adviser or investment company.

67. At various times since at least March 1995, Defendant Saxena has willfully violated the Commission's order dated February 28, 1995 by: 1) associating with Saxena Capital, the investment adviser to Index Timing and Saxena Growth, 2) associating with two investment companies, Index Timing and Saxena Growth, and 3) acting as an investment adviser in the Thorson consulting relationship.

68. Compliance with an order of the Commission issued under the Advisers Act may be enforced pursuant to Section 209(d) of the Advisers Act (15 U.S.C. §80b-9(d)).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Commission respectfully requests that this Court grant the following relief:

I.

Permanently restrain and enjoin Defendants Saxena and M. Saxena, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys-in-fact, successors and assigns, and each of them, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, from violating, directly or indirectly:

1. Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5];
2. Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §77q(a)];
3. Sections 5(a) and (c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§77e(a) and (c)]; and
4. Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §§80b-6(1) and 80b-6(2)].

II.

Permanently restrain and enjoin Defendant Saxena, his officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys-in-fact, successors and assigns, and each of them, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, from violating Section 206(4) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §80b-6(4)] and Rule 206(4)-1(a)(5) thereunder [17 C.F.R. §275.206(4)-1(a)(5)].

III.

Issue an order, pursuant to Section 209(d) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §80b-9(d)], directing Defendant Saxena to comply with the Commission's order dated February 28, 1995, which permanently barred him from association with any broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, investment adviser or investment company.

IV.

Require the Defendants to disgorge any ill-gotten gains from the operation of Index Timing and Saxena Growth, including prejudgment interest, with said monies and interest to be disbursed in accordance with a plan of distribution to be ordered by the Court.

V.

Require Saxena to disgorge any ill-gotten gains from the operation of the Thorson consulting relationship, including prejudgment interest, with said monies and interest to be disbursed in accordance with a plan of distribution to be ordered by the Court.

VI.

Require the Defendants to pay civil money penalties pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §77t(d)], Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78u(d)(3)] and Section 209(e) of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. §80b-9(e)] in amounts to be determined by the Court.

VII.

Order such other and further relief as this Court deems
necessary and appropriate under the circumstances.

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