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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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12 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
13 COMMISSION,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 FRANCISCO JAVIER SARABIA,

17 Defendant.
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Case No. 8:26-cv-02542

COMPLAINT

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) alleges the following
2 against Defendant Francisco Javier Sarabia (“Sarabia” or “Defendant”).

3 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4 1. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 20(b),
5 20(d)(1) and 22(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) [15 U.S.C. §§
6 77t(b), 77t(d)(1) & 77v(a)], and Sections 21(d)(3)(A), 21(e) and 27(a) of the
7 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d)(1),
8 78u(d)(3)(A), 78u(e), & 78aa(a)].

9 2. Sarabia has, in connection with the transactions, acts, practices and
10 courses of business alleged in this Complaint, directly or indirectly, made use of the
11 means or instruments of interstate transportation or communication in interstate
12 commerce, or of the mails, by, among other means, soliciting investments via the
13 internet and obtaining investor funds through bank wires.

14 3. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to Section 22(a) of the Securities
15 Act [15 U.S.C. § 77v(a)] and Section 27(a) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §
16 78aa(a)] because many of the acts and transactions constituting violations of the
17 federal securities laws occurred within the district, including, but not limited to, in-
18 person meetings that Sarabia conducted with investors at the Beverly Hills office of
19 Bonanza Global Solutions Limited Liability Company (“Bonanza Global”) and the
20 misappropriation of investor funds through banks located within this district. Venue
21 is also proper in this district because Sarabia resides in this district. Moreover, the
22 promissory notes issued by Bonanza Global specifically state that “[e]ach of the
23 Parties consents to the jurisdiction of the federal courts located in Los Angeles
24 County, State of California.”

25 **SUMMARY**

26 4. From approximately February 2022 through March 2023 (the “Relevant
27 Period”) Sarabia and his business partner, through their company, Bonanza Global,
28 raised over \$5 million from more than 350 investors through the unregistered offer

1 and sale of promissory notes in a fraud that targeted Spanish-speaking and Filipino
2 investors.

3 5. On Bonanza Global websites as well as on YouTube videos, Sarabia
4 promised investors that their money would be invested in stock market trading, forex
5 trading (foreign currency trading), petroleum oil and other investments, which would
6 generate returns of 10% to 15% or more *per month*. Sarabia misled investors with
7 false claims about how Bonanza Global would use investor funds, about the safety of
8 investing with Bonanza Global and about the “money back guarantee” he promised to
9 investors.

10 6. However, Bonanza Global was a fraud. Bonanza Global did not produce
11 any revenue. Instead, the primary source of money coming into the Bonanza Global
12 bank accounts was from investors. After receiving investors’ money, Sarabia and his
13 business partner did not use these funds to trade securities, or for any of the purposes
14 that Bonanza Global represented to investors. Rather, Sarabia and his business
15 partner misused investor money. Sarabia used investor money to buy luxury items at
16 exclusive retail stores like Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana, and Versace, to travel to Las
17 Vegas to gamble, to stay at high-end hotels, and to frequent numerous bars,
18 nightclubs and restaurants in Las Vegas and elsewhere. Investor funds were used to
19 pay promoters who brought additional investors to Bonanza Global and to make
20 payments to earlier investors in a Ponzi-like fashion.

21 7. Sarabia and his business partner lived a lavish lifestyle at the expense of
22 their investors and, by March 2023, Bonanza Global had run out of money.

23 8. By engaging in the conduct above, Sarabia violated Section 17(a) of the
24 Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a), 77e(c) and 77q(a)], Section 10(b) of the
25 Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)], and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17
26 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5]. Sarabia additionally violated Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the
27 Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77e(a) and 77e(c)].
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THE DEFENDANT

9. **Francisco Javier Sarabia, also known as Jose Luis Perez-Garate (“Sarabia”)**, age 60, is a resident of Tustin, California. In a YouTube video promoting Bonanza Global, Sarabia identified himself to investors as “the President [and] Founder of Bonanza Global Solutions.” Sarabia and his business partner had sole signatory authority for the bank accounts in the name of Bonanza Global.

RELEVANT ENTITY

10. **Bonanza Global Solutions Limited Liability Company** is a limited liability company formed in California on February 24, 2022. Its principal place of business was in Beverly Hills, California. From its formation in February 2022 to the present, Bonanza Global has had no discernable source of income or revenue. Rather, virtually all of its funds appear to have come from investors. Neither Bonanza Global nor its securities offerings are registered with the Commission.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. Sarabia Raised Money from Investors Through Promissory Notes Issued by Bonanza Global

11. On its websites (the “Bonanza Global Websites”) and in YouTube videos, Bonanza Global presented itself to prospective investors as a “hedge fund” and “private equity firm” and invited them to invest money their funds. Bonanza Global claimed it would “use pooled funds and employ different strategies, to earn attractive returns for their investor.”

12. The Bonanza Global Websites and YouTube videos represented to prospective investors that, within 24 to 72 hours, they would “receive an email from Bonanza Global with a promissory note which you have to sign and return back to Bonanza Global.”

13. After investors expressed interest, Sarabia, through Bonanza Global, arranged to send notes to each investor. These promissory notes were investment contracts that identified the investment amount, the promised return (between 10%

1 and 15% per month) and the date when the return would be paid.

2 14. During the Relevant Period, interested investors sent money to Bonanza
3 Global by either making deposits with, or by wiring money directly to, bank accounts
4 in the name of Bonanza Global.

5 15. The Bonanza Global Websites featured a biography and picture of
6 Sarabia and identified him as the “President/Co-founder” of Bonanza Global. Sarabia
7 had control over the content that was published on the Bonanza Global Websites and
8 YouTube videos.

9 **B. The Promissory Notes Issued by Bonanza Global Were Securities**

10 16. The promissory notes offered and sold by Bonanza Global meet the
11 definition of a security.

12 17. Sarabia promoted the notes to raise money for Bonanza Global’s
13 investment business.

14 18. Investors were primarily motivated by the generation of profits – 10% to
15 15% per month – when investing in Bonanza Global promissory notes.

16 19. Investors in Bonanza Global reasonably expected that they were making
17 an investment. Indeed, the promissory notes issued by Bonanza Global stated that
18 “[t]he Holder of the Note, by acceptance hereof, agrees that this Note is being
19 acquired for investment...”

20 20. Sarabia, through Bonanza Global, offered, sold, and distributed the notes
21 to over 350 members of the public living in various states, including investors
22 residing in California, Rhode Island and Texas, through videos and websites available
23 on the internet.

24 21. Investors in Bonanza Global wired money into the Bonanza Global bank
25 accounts in exchange for the promissory notes.

26 22. Bonanza Global represented to investors that their money would be
27 pooled together for the purpose of making investments and records for the Bonanza
28 Global bank accounts show that investor funds were in fact pooled together.

1 23. Bonanza Global investors were passive investors with no involvement in
2 Bonanza Global's investment activity.

3 24. Based on the representations made by Sarabia and his business partner
4 about the investment in Bonanza Global, investors relied entirely on the efforts of
5 Bonanza Global, which claimed that investor money would be invested based on
6 Bonanza Global's unique trading and hedging strategy.

7 25. Bonanza Global promised significant returns of at least 10% per month
8 to those who invested in Bonanza Global and investors would only receive those
9 returns as a result of the efforts of Sarabia and his business partner, who promised to
10 use investor funds for trading and other investments.

11 26. As alleged above, some of the pooled funds were used to make payments
12 to other investors.

13 27. Based on Sarabia's representations to them, investors in Bonanza Global
14 reasonably believed that Sarabia and his business partner were wholly responsible for
15 deriving the returns promised by Bonanza Global.

16 28. The fortunes of Sarabia and his business partner were tied to those of the
17 Bonanza Global investors since they would profit, and in fact did profit, from the
18 money invested in Bonanza Global.

19 **C. Sarabia Obtained Money from Investors Through Publicly**

20 **Available Websites and Videos Accessible Through the Internet**

21 29. Sarabia, through Bonanza Global, encouraged investors to invest their
22 money through Bonanza Global's publicly available websites, which have now been
23 taken offline.

24 30. In addition to soliciting investors through the Bonanza Global Websites,
25 Bonanza Global, Sarabia and his business partner also solicited investors through
26 numerous videos posted on YouTube between July 2022 and March 2023 where they
27 spoke about the benefits and safety of investing funds with Bonanza Global. These
28 YouTube videos emphasized that Bonanza Global was headquartered in Beverly

1 Hills, California.

2 31. For example, in a video posted to YouTube on or about September 8,
3 2022, investors were encouraged to invest with Bonanza Global through a number of
4 testimonials from alleged investors in Bonanza Global who reassured investors about
5 the reliability and legitimacy of Bonanza Global.

6 32. After watching these videos, investors often invested their money in
7 Bonanza Global.

8 33. In addition, Bonanza Global told investors that they would receive sales
9 commissions or bonuses if they brought in additional investors in a multi-level
10 marketing fashion. For example, Bonanza Global promotional materials stated that
11 Bonanza Global would pay commissions of 10% to those who brought in investors
12 and, if those investors brought in a second level of investors, the promoting investors
13 would receive a “direct bonus second level” commission of 5%.

14 **D. Bonanza Global Targeted Spanish-Speaking and Filipino Investors**

15 34. Much of the Bonanza Global solicitations were focused on Spanish-
16 speaking investors.

17 35. For example, Sarabia and his business partner gave presentations to
18 potential investors at the Beverly Hills office of Bonanza Global in Spanish, provided
19 investors with brochures in both English and Spanish and advertised Bonanza Global
20 on social media spaces that targeted Spanish speakers. In September 2022, Bonanza
21 Global announced that it would be launching a corporate office in Mexico City.

22 36. Bonanza Global was also marketed to Filipino investors. Bonanza
23 Global used promoters from the Filipino community to solicit investors in Bonanza
24 Global, including at a San Francisco conference organized and attended
25 predominantly by people of Filipino descent.

26 37. In June 2022, Bonanza Global held an event in the Philippines and
27 informed investors that it was going to “begin our first chapter of the legality and the
28 formation of Bonanza in the Philippines.” Bonanza Global later claimed to have

1 opened an office in the Bonifacio Global City district in the Philippines.

2 **E. Sarabia Portrayed Himself as a Successful Business Professional**

3 38. Sarabia and his business partner rented an office in Beverly Hills,
4 California, where they met with potential investors and showed them computer
5 screens that purportedly showed investor assets being profitably traded. The Bonanza
6 Global office in Beverly Hills was also prominently featured in videos uploaded to
7 YouTube, including one in which Sarabia boasts to potential investors that Bonanza
8 Global is located “on top of the Bank of America in the financial industry site.”

9 39. The existence of the office in Beverly Hills, California led investors to
10 believe Bonanza Global was a legitimate and profitable company.

11 40. In addition, Sarabia assured investors that he and his business partner
12 had significant business acumen and extensive experience managing substantial
13 investor funds while failing to tell investors about their prior criminal conduct.

14 41. In a video uploaded to YouTube on September 8, 2022, Sarabia told
15 investors that he had “been in the financial services industry for over 15 years. I have
16 owned several businesses on my own. I had insurance companies, I had investment
17 companies. I have done consulting for other companies in the past.”

18 42. Sarabia stated that he “has led companies internationally, taking them to
19 high standards of financial growth with commitment and leadership.” Sarabia also
20 boasted that Bonanza Global had “a good risk management team.”

21 43. In reality, both Sarabia and his business partner had previously been
22 charged with defrauding investors, which Sarabia concealed from investors.
23 Specifically, in June 2012, the state of California charged Sarabia and his business
24 partner for, among other things, violating California Corporation Code Section 25401
25 for selling securities and making an untrue statement of material fact and omitting to
26 state a material fact necessary in order to make the statement made. In July 2014,
27 both Sarabia and his business partner pled guilty to multiple violations of California
28 Penal Code Section 487(a). They were each sentenced to four years in prison and

1 were collectively ordered to pay over \$1 million in restitution to their victims.

2 **F. Sarabia Misappropriated Bonanza Global Investor Funds**

3 44. From February 2022 through at least March 2023, investors sent over \$5
4 million to Bonanza Global, primarily by wire and by Zelle transfers, to a bank
5 account in the name of “Bonanza Global Solutions Limited Liability” in Beverly
6 Hills, California.

7 45. Sarabia and his business partner were the only persons with signatory
8 authority over the primary bank account used by Bonanza Global, as well as the
9 additional bank accounts they opened using variations of the name Bonanza Global.
10 Sarabia regularly signed withdrawal slips and he discussed transactions involving the
11 Bonanza Global bank accounts with bank representatives. Sarabia also had a Bonanza
12 Global credit card that he used for personal expenses.

13 46. Of the \$5 million in investor funds, Sarabia’s business partner misused
14 approximately \$3.5 million.

15 47. Of the remaining \$1.5 million of investor funds, Sarabia personally
16 misappropriated at least \$825,000. Among other things, Sarabia used investor money
17 to buy luxury items at exclusive retail stores, including Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana, and
18 Versace, to travel to Las Vegas to gamble, to stay at high-end hotels, and to frequent
19 numerous bars, nightclubs and restaurants in Las Vegas and elsewhere.

20 **G. Sarabia Obtained Money from Investors by Making False and**
21 **Misleading Statements**

22 **1. Sarabia Made Misrepresentations About the Use of Investor**
23 **Funds**

24 48. The Bonanza Global promissory notes misrepresented that note holders
25 would be repaid their principal based on various types of investments that would be
26 made for the benefit of Bonanza Global’s investors.

27 49. In a video posted to YouTube on September 8, 2022, Sarabia falsely
28 claimed that “[w]e have some of the best traders in the – in the industry.”

1 50. These representations were false. In fact, Bonanza Global did not
2 employ any traders and investor funds were not used for making any of the types of
3 investments listed in the promissory notes.

4 **2. Sarabia Falsely Claimed that Funds Would be Safely Invested**
5 **and Promised Investors a Money Back Guarantee that Did**
6 **Not Exist**

7 51. Sarabia published a letter on the Bonanza Global Websites throughout
8 the Relevant Period stating that “Bonanza Global Solutions, LLC, is so confident that
9 your participation will be the best experience of your life that we are willing to offer
10 you an 80 percent money back guarantee in writing” (emphasis added). Sarabia’s letter
11 to investors further states that investors could request a return “if at any point in the
12 process of you being a member of Bonanza you feel uncomfortable or an emergency
13 has come up that you need immediate access to your funds.” Sarabia also promised
14 investors that in the event that “a death has occurred in the immediate family a
15 full 100 percent refund will be issued” (emphasis added).

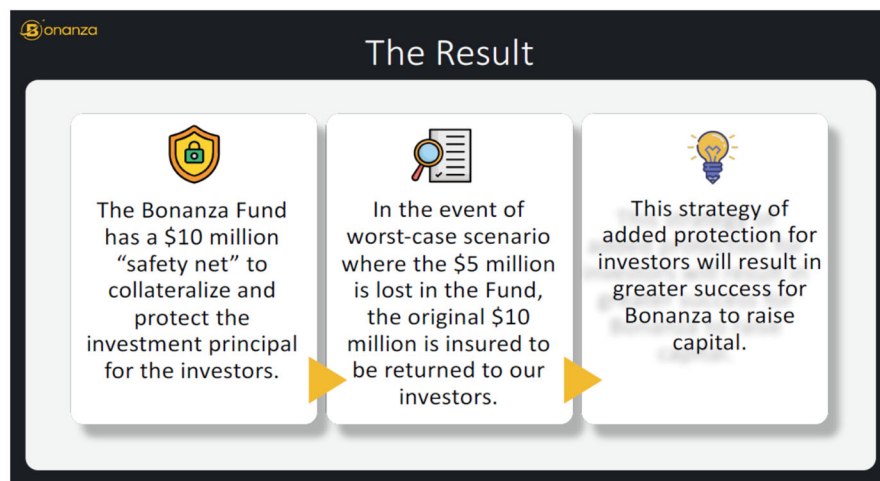
16 52. Sarabia told investors on a video posted to the internet on March 4, 2023
17 that he and his business partner were “assuming the responsibility you entrust on us
18 to manage your money.” He added that: “We have a solid plan. We will only raise
19 \$300 million and stop receiving new members for that plan. That allows us to
20 properly manage and make sure everybody makes money. But more important, ***no***
21 ***one loses their investment***” (emphasis added).

22 53. The Bonanza Global Websites also stressed to investors that their
23 investment would be safe because “Bonanza has developed an investment
24 methodology that can secure all or part of an investment against potential loss or
25 diminution in value irrespective of the performance of your investment” and Bonanza
26 Global has “tangible insurance assets that fully secure their investment.”

27 54. Bonanza Global informed investors that approximately 50% of the
28 money invested in Bonanza Global would be used to purchase life settlement

1 policies. Bonanza Global stated that “[a] Life Settlement is simply the purchase of a
 2 life insurance policy at a discount to the face value of the policy. The sellers of the
 3 policies are typically financially sophisticated individuals or trusts who purchased life
 4 insurance policies for estate planning or other financial purposes and no longer want
 5 or need the coverage.”

6 55. As set forth in the screenshot below, Bonanza Global informed investors
 7 on its website that, as a result of the purchase of life settlements, Bonanza Global
 8 would have “a \$10 million ‘safety net’”.



18 56. Additionally, Sarabia personally met with investors and told them that
 19 their investment in Bonanza Global would be “insured.”

20 57. However, no investor funds were used to purchase or invest in life
 21 settlements. Moreover, no portion of the investor funds, let alone half of investor
 22 funds, were insured in any manner.

23 3. Bonanza Global Falsely Represented that the Offering Was 24 Registered with the SEC

25 58. Bonanza Global caused a video to be posted to YouTube on July 9, 2022
 26 stating that “Bonanza’s a very responsible company” and that it had “all their I’s
 27 dotted and their T’s crossed, right.” Bonanza Global also claimed in another video
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1 posted to YouTube that it had registered its offering with the SEC. Bonanza Global
2 stated that investors could review the “SEC documentation” via email or in person at
3 the Beverly Hills office of Bonanza Global.

4 59. Despite these representations, the Bonanza Global offering was never
5 registered with the SEC.

6 60. The Bonanza Global securities were offered and sold through interstate
7 commerce, including through the mail and the internet, and many investors provided
8 their funds through bank wire transfers, which traveled through interstate wires.

9 61. Bonanza Global, as the issuer of the securities, directly offered and sold
10 securities through general solicitation, including through YouTube videos posted on
11 the internet, through the Bonanza Global Websites described above, and through in-
12 person meetings and conferences with potential investors. Utilizing these methods,
13 over \$5 million was raised for the Bonanza Global offering.

14 62. Bonanza Global offered and sold securities to investors residing outside
15 of California, including in Rhode Island and Texas.

16 63. Sarabia is liable for Bonanza Global’s offer and sale of securities
17 because Sarabia, along with his business partner, controlled Bonanza Global and
18 Sarabia had control and authority over the business of Bonanza Global. Sarabia,
19 along with his business partner, had signatory authority over the Bonanza Global
20 bank accounts.

21 **4. Sarabia’s False and Misleading Statements Were Material**

22 64. The above false and misleading statements as to the use of investor
23 proceeds were material to investors and potential investors.

24 65. A reasonable investor would want to know that their proceeds were not
25 being used for the purposes Sarabia had represented.

26 66. The misrepresentations about the “money back guarantee” and that
27 Bonanza Global maintained an 80% reserve or “safety net” were also material to
28 investors and to prospective investors, as a reasonable investor would want to know

1 whether an investment was safe and secure and a reasonable investor would want to
2 know whether they could receive at least 80% of their principal back at any time, as
3 promised by Sarabia.

4 67. Finally, Bonanza Global's false claims that the offering was registered
5 with the SEC were material to investors, as a reasonable investor would have wanted
6 to know that Bonanza Global's offerings had never been registered with the SEC.

7 **5. Sarabia's False and Misleading Statements Occurred "In the**
8 **Offer or Sale" and Were "In Connection with the Purchase or**
9 **Sale" of the Securities**

10 68. The false and misleading statements alleged herein were made by
11 Sarabia in order to induce investors to invest their money with Bonanza Global.

12 69. For example, the false and misleading statements described above were
13 made in YouTube videos posted to the internet and through other social media, which
14 directed potential investors to invest money by accessing the Bonanza Global
15 Websites.

16 70. Through the Bonanza Global Websites, Bonanza Global offered and sold
17 securities in the form of a promissory note.

18 71. The false and misleading statements alleged above were made on
19 YouTube videos and on the Bonanza Global Websites that were viewed by potential
20 investors at the time they were deciding whether to invest in Bonanza Global and
21 these false and misleading statements were made in order to induce investors to
22 invest their money with Bonanza Global.

23 **H. After Bonanza Global Collapsed, Sarabia Concealed the Fraud from**
24 **Investors**

25 72. In December 2022, Bonanza Global began having difficulty paying
26 investors the returns Bonanza Global had promised. At that time, Sarabia and his
27 business partner began telling investors in Bonanza Global that they were delayed in
28 making payments but were in the process of obtaining funds.

1 73. Later that month, Sarabia sent out a message in Spanish to investors in
2 which he promised that all returns would be paid “before the end of the year.”

3 74. After failing to repay investors by the end of 2022, Bonanza Global
4 continued to mislead investors by promising them that they would be repaid and by
5 proffering a variety of excuses. Among other things, Bonanza Global told investors
6 that it was “having a slow time with the institutions in order to release our capital so
7 that we may begin the payment program...” but would make payments by March 10,
8 2023.

9 75. In June 2023, Bonanza Global created a new website,
10 bonanzapayment.com, which falsely informed investors that “[t]his website has been
11 created to be our payment portal for future payments to be distributed to our valued
12 clients. This month of June 2023 we will begin to pay the balance of what’s owed on
13 initial principal.”

14 76. Although this website directed investors to submit information about
15 their investment and proof of the money they had invested, Bonanza Global did not
16 have sufficient funds to repay any of the investors because the Bonanza Global bank
17 accounts had a negative balance in June 2023.

18 77. Despite these frequent promises to repay, neither Sarabia nor Bonanza
19 Global repaid investors. Instead, the promises to repay were means to continue
20 concealing their fraudulent scheme.

21 **I. Sarabia Engaged in Deceptive Acts in Furtherance of the Scheme to**
22 **Defraud**

23 78. Sarabia committed deceptive acts in furtherance of the fraud. Among
24 other things, he:

- 25 a. Misappropriated investor funds from the Bonanza Global bank accounts
26 (over which Sarabia had signatory authority) for his personal use;
- 27 b. Used investor funds to pay other investors, in a Ponzi-like fashion;
- 28 c. Made and disseminated the materially false and misleading statements

described above;

d. Engaged in deceptive measures to give Bonanza Global the appearance of a legitimate investment entity; and

e. After Bonanza Global collapsed, lulled investors through false promises that they would be repaid.

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79. As one of the owners of Bonanza Global, Sarabia knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that Bonanza Global did not make the investments it represented to investors, including that it successfully traded securities and foreign currency.

80. Because Sarabia was one of two signatories for the Bonanza Global investor bank accounts and had control over investor funds, he knew, or was reckless in not knowing, that investor funds were being misused and misappropriated.

81. Further, because Sarabia was responsible for promoting Bonanza Global via the Bonanza Global Websites, through multiple videos posted on YouTube and through in-person meetings with investors, and also signed the money-back guarantee to investors, Sarabia acted knowingly or recklessly in making misrepresentations about how investor proceeds would be used, the safety of investor funds, the returns promised to investors, and that the money back guarantee he promised was untrue.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Sale of Unregistered Securities

Violations of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act

[15 U.S.C. § 77e(a) and 77e(c)]

82. The SEC realleges and incorporates by reference in this claim for relief all of the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 1-81, as if they were fully set forth herein.

83. The promissory notes offered and sold by Sarabia were securities under Section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77b(a)(1)] and Section 3(a)(10) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 77c(a)(10)].

1 84. Bonanza Global's offer and sale of securities were not registered with
2 the SEC and the securities were offered and sold through interstate commerce. There
3 was no registration statement in effect or filed with the SEC with respect to the
4 offering.

5 85. No exemption applied to the Bonanza Global offering. Sarabia, acting
6 through Bonanza Global, engaged in general solicitation, including in-person
7 conferences and meetings as well as using YouTube videos and websites to promote
8 the Bonanza Global offering. In addition, Sarabia failed to take reasonable steps to
9 verify whether investors qualified as accredited investors.

10 86. Bonanza Global notes were sold to investors residing outside of
11 California and the United States.

12 87. Sarabia is liable under Section 5 of the Securities Act for Bonanza
13 Global's offer and sale of securities because Sarabia controlled Bonanza Global and
14 had authority over the business of Bonanza Global.

15 88. By engaging in the conduct described above, Sarabia, directly or
16 indirectly, made use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication
17 in interstate commerce, or of the mails, to offer to sell or to sell securities, or carried
18 or caused to be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by means or
19 instruments of transportation, securities for the purpose of sale or for delivery after
20 sale, when no registration statement had been filed or was in effect as to such
21 securities, and when no exemption from registration was applicable.

22 89. By engaging in the conduct described above, Sarabia directly or
23 indirectly violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate,
24 Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77e(a) and 77e(c)].
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SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Fraud in Connection with the Purchase or Sale of Securities

Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5(b)

[15 U.S.C. § 78j(b) and 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5(b)]

90. The SEC realleges and incorporates by reference in this claim for relief all of the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 1-81, as if they were fully set forth herein.

91. Sarabia made false and misleading statements, including telling investors that their money would be used for investments when, in reality, Sarabia and his business partner, misappropriated the majority of the funds received from investors. Sarabia falsely promised investors a set rate of return of 10% to 15% each month and signed a false “money back guarantee.” Sarabia also misled investors about the registration status of the Bonanza Global offering.

92. By engaging in the conduct described above, Sarabia, directly or indirectly, in connection with the purchase or sale of a security, and by the use of means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, of the mails, or of the facilities of a national securities exchange, knowingly or recklessly, made untrue statements of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

93. By engaging in the conduct described above, Sarabia has violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5(b)].

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Fraud in the Offer or Sale of Securities

Violations of Section 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act

[15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(2)]

94. The SEC realleges and incorporates by reference in this claim for relief all of the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 1-81, as if they were fully set forth herein.

95. Sarabia made false and misleading statements, including telling investors that their money would be used for investments when, in reality, Sarabia and his business partner, misappropriated the majority of the funds received from investors. Sarabia also falsely promised investors a set rate of return of 10% to 15% each month and signed a false “money back guarantee.” Sarabia also misled investors about the registration status of the Bonanza Global offering.

96. As a result of his false statements, Sarabia obtained \$825,000, the amount that he personally misappropriated from investors.

97. In the course of Sarabia’s securities offerings, Sarabia knowingly, recklessly, or negligently obtained money or property by means of material misrepresentations and omissions about, among other things, how investor funds would be used by Bonanza Global, the rate of return promised to investors, and the safety of funds invested in Bonanza Global.

98. By engaging in the conduct described above, Sarabia, directly or indirectly, in the offer or sale of securities, and by the use of means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, knowingly, recklessly, or negligently obtained money or property by means of untrue statements of a material fact or by omitting to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

99. By engaging in the conduct described above, Sarabia has violated, and

1 unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate, Section 17(a)(2) of the
 2 Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(2)].

3 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

4 **Fraud in Connection with the Purchase or Sale of Securities**

5 **Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rules 10b-5(a) and (c)** 6 **[15 U.S.C. § 78j(b) and 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5(a) and (c)]**

7 100. The SEC realleges and incorporates by reference in this claim for relief
 8 all of the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 1-81 above, as if they were fully
 9 set forth herein.

10 101. Sarabia engaged in a scheme to defraud investors by collecting over \$5
 11 million from investors to invest in securities or investments but instead using the
 12 majority of the funds for his own personal use and for that of his business partner and
 13 to pay investors in a Ponzi-like fashion. Sarabia also took actions to convince
 14 investors that Bonanza Global was a legitimate business and that investor funds were
 15 safe, including signing a money back guarantee. Finally, Sarabia also concealed his
 16 fraud by setting up false websites designed to create the impression that investors
 17 would be paid back their principal.

18 102. By engaging in the conduct described above, Sarabia, directly or
 19 indirectly, in connection with the purchase or sale of a security, and by the use of
 20 means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, of the mails, or of the facilities of
 21 a national securities exchange, knowingly or recklessly: (a) employed devices,
 22 schemes, or artifices to defraud; and (b) engaged in acts, practices, or courses of
 23 business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon other persons.

24 103. By engaging in the conduct described above, Sarabia has violated, and
 25 unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate, Section 10(b) of the Exchange
 26 Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rules 10b-5(a) and (c) thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-
 27 5(a) and (c)].
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FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Fraud in the Offer or Sale of Securities

Violations of Sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act

[15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1) and 77q(a)(3)]

104. The SEC realleges and incorporates by reference in this claim for relief all of the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 1-81 above, as if they were fully set forth herein.

105. Sarabia engaged in a scheme to defraud investors by collecting over \$5 million from investors to invest in securities or investments but instead using the majority of the funds for his own personal use and for that of his business partner and to pay investors in a Ponzi-like fashion. Sarabia also took actions to convince investors that Bonanza Global was a legitimate business and that investor funds were safe, including signing a money back guarantee. Finally, Sarabia also concealed his fraud by setting up false websites designed to create the impression that investors would be paid back their principal.

106. By engaging in the conduct described above, Sarabia, directly or indirectly, in the offer or sale of securities by the use of means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, acting knowingly or recklessly, employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud; and, acting knowingly, recklessly or negligently, engaged in transactions, practices, or courses of business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

107. By engaging in the conduct described above, Sarabia has violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate, Sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77q(a)(1) and 77q(a)(3)].

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the SEC respectfully requests that the Court:

I.

1 Issue findings of fact and conclusions of law that Sarabia committed the
2 alleged violations.

3 **II.**

4 Issue judgments, in forms consistent with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of
5 Civil Procedure, permanently enjoining Sarabia, and his officers, agents, servants,
6 employees and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with
7 any of them, who receive actual notice of the judgment by personal service or
8 otherwise, and each of them, from violating Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities
9 Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) and 77e(c)].

10 **III.**

11 Issue judgments, in forms consistent with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of
12 Civil Procedure, permanently enjoining Sarabia, and his officers, agents, servants,
13 employees and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with
14 any of them, who receive actual notice of the judgment by personal service or
15 otherwise, and each of them, from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15
16 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b)] and
17 Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] by, directly or indirectly, (i) creating
18 a false appearance or otherwise deceiving any person, or (ii) disseminating false or
19 misleading documents, materials, or information or making, either orally or in
20 writing, any false or misleading statement in any communication with any investor or
21 prospective investor, about:

22 (A) any investment in or offering of securities,

23 (B) the registration status of such offering or of such securities,

24 (C) the prospects for success of any product or company,

25 (D) the use of investor funds, or

26 (E) the misappropriation of investor funds or investment proceeds.

27 **IV.**

1 Issue judgments, in forms consistent with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of
2 Civil Procedure, pursuant to Section 21(d)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §
3 78u(d)(5)], permanently enjoining Sarabia and his officers, agents, servants,
4 employees and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with
5 any of them, who receive actual notice of the judgment by personal service or
6 otherwise, from, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, through any
7 entity owned or controlled by Sarabia, participating in the issuance, purchase, offer,
8 or sale of any security, provided, however, that such injunction shall not prevent
9 Sarabia from purchasing or selling securities for his own personal account(s).

10 **V.**

11 Order Sarabia to disgorge his ill-gotten gains from the violations alleged in this
12 Complaint, and order him to pay prejudgment interest on his ill-gotten gains, under
13 Sections 21(d)(3), 21(d)(5) and 21(d)(7) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§
14 78u(d)(3), 78u(d)(5) and 78u(d)(7)].

15 **VI.**

16 Retain jurisdiction of this action in accordance with the principles of equity and
17 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in order to implement and carry out the terms of
18 all orders and decrees that may be entered, or to entertain any suitable application or
19 motion for additional relief within the jurisdiction of this Court.

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VII.

Provide a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

VIII.

Grant such other and further relief as this Court may determine to be just and proper.

Dated: September 8, 2026

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