## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 91738 / April 30, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-17614

In the Matter of

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

Respondent.

**EXTENSION ORDER** 

The Division of Enforcement ("Division") has requested an extension of time until October 29, 2021 to submit a Proposed Plan of Distribution under Rule 1101(a) of the Commission's Rules on Fair Fund and Disgorgement Plans, 17 C.F.R. § 201.1101(a).

On May 26, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Making Findings and Imposing Remedial Sanctions and a Cease-and-Desist Order Pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Sections 203(f) and 203(k) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and Sections 9(b) and 9(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Order")¹ against Laurence I. Balter d/b/a Oracle Investment Research (the "Respondent"). The Commission ordered the Respondent to pay \$489,921 in disgorgement, \$10,079 in prejudgment interest, and a \$50,000 civil money penalty, for a total of 550,000, to the Commission. The Commission also created a Fair Fund, pursuant to Section 308(a) of the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Securities Act Rel. No. 10367 (May 26, 2017).

Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, so the penalty paid, along with the disgorgement and interest paid, can be distributed to harmed investors (the "Fair Fund").

The Fair Fund consists of the \$550,000 in disgorgement, prejudgment interest, and civil money penalties paid by the Respondent.

In its request for an extension of time, the Division states that additional time is needed to complete the fund administrator appointment process, develop the distribution methodology, and develop the plan of distribution.

Accordingly, for good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Division's request for an extension of time until October 29, 2021 to submit a Proposed Plan of Distribution is granted.

For the Commission, by the Division of Enforcement, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>2</sup>

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 C.F.R. § 200.30-4(a)(21)(i).