UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

VENESSA BALAN,

Plaintiff,

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Case No. 3:19-cv-351-J-34JBT

VESTCOR FUND XXII, LTD., et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

THIS CAUSE is before the Court on the Report and Recommendation (Dkt. No. 40; Report) entered by the Honorable Joel B. Toomey, United States Magistrate Judge, on November 2, 2020. In the Report, Judge Toomey recommends that Defendants' Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings (Dkt. No. 31; Motion) be denied. <u>See</u> Report at 1, 9. To date, no objections to the Report have been filed, and the time for doing so has passed.

The Court "may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). If no specific objections to findings of facts are filed, the district court is not required to conduct a <u>de novo</u> review of those findings. <u>See Garvey v. Vaughn</u>, 993 F.2d 776, 779 n.9 (11th Cir. 1993); <u>see also</u> 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, the district court must review legal conclusions <u>de novo</u>. See <u>Cooper-Houston v. S. Ry. Co.</u>, 37 F.3d 603, 604 (11th Cir. 1994); <u>United States v. Rice</u>, No. 2:07-mc-8-FtM-29SPC, 2007 WL 1428615, at * 1 (M.D. Fla. May 14, 2007).

Upon independent review of the file and for the reasons stated in the Magistrate Judge's Report, the Court will accept and adopt the legal and factual conclusions recommended by the Magistrate Judge. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED:

- The Report and Recommendation (Dkt. No. 40) is ADOPTED as the opinion of the Court.
- 2. Defendants' Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings (Dkt. No. 31) is **DENIED**.

DONE AND ORDERED at Jacksonville, Florida, this 18th day of November, 2020.

MARCIA MORALES HOWARD
United States District Judge

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