

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ARKANSAS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION)	
and THE SUMMIT FEDERAL CREDIT)	
UNION, on Behalf of Themselves and All)	Case No. 19-cv-4492 (PKC)
Others Similarly Situated,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	
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HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY, SAKS)	
FIFTH AVENUE LLC, SAKS &)	
COMPANY LLC, SAKS)	
INCORPORATED, AND LORD &)	
TAYLOR, LLC)	
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Defendants.)	

~~PROPOSED~~ FINAL JUDGMENT

On July 22, 2021, this Court entered an order granting preliminary approval (the "Preliminary Approval Order") (Docs. 91–92) of the Settlement between the Financial Institution Plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs"), on their own behalf and on behalf of the Settlement Class, and the Defendants Hudson's Bay Company ULC (formerly known as Hudson's Bay Company), Saks Fifth Avenue LLC, Saks & Company LLC, Saks Incorporated, and Lord & Taylor, LLC (collectively, "Hudson's Bay" or "Defendants"), as memorialized in Exhibit 1 (Doc. 86-1) to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement;¹

On August 23, 2021, pursuant to the notice requirements set forth in the Settlement and in the Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Class was apprised of the nature and pendency of the Litigation, the terms of the Settlement, and their rights to request exclusion, object, and/or

¹ The capitalized terms used in this Final Approval Order and Judgment shall have the same meaning as defined in the Settlement except as may otherwise be indicated.

appear at the final approval hearing;

On November 1, 2021, Plaintiffs filed their Motion for Final Approval of the Class Action Settlement (“Final Approval Motion”) and accompanying Memorandum of Law and supporting exhibits, and Class Counsel filed their Application for Attorneys’ Fees, Expenses, Notice and Administration Costs, and Service Awards and accompanying Memorandum of Law and supporting exhibits (“Fee Application”);

On December 7, 2021, the Court held a final approval hearing to determine, *inter alia*: (1) whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate; and (2) whether judgment should be entered dismissing all claims in the Complaint with prejudice. Prior to the final approval hearing, Class Counsel filed a declaration from the Settlement Administrator confirming that the Notice Program was completed in accordance with the Parties’ instructions and the Preliminary Approval Order. Therefore, the Court is satisfied that Settlement Class Members were properly notified of their right to appear at the final approval hearing in support of or in opposition to the proposed Settlement, the award of attorneys’ fees, expenses, notice and administration costs, and the payment of Service Awards.

Having given an opportunity to be heard to all requesting persons in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order, having heard the presentation of Class Counsel and counsel for Hudson’s Bay, having reviewed all of the submissions presented with respect to the proposed Settlement, having determined that the Settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable, having considered the application made by Class Counsel for attorneys’ fees, expenses, notice and administration costs, and the application for Service Awards, and having reviewed the materials in support thereof, and good cause appearing in the record and Plaintiffs’ Final Approval Motion is **GRANTED**, and Class Counsel’s Fee Application is **GRANTED**, and:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over all claims raised therein and all Parties thereto, including the Settlement Class. The Court also has personal jurisdiction over the Parties and the Settlement Class Members.

2. The Settlement was entered into in good faith following arm's length negotiations and is non-collusive.

3. The Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, is in the best interests of the Settlement Class, and is therefore approved. The Court finds that the Parties faced significant risks, expenses, delays and uncertainties, including as to the outcome, of continued litigation of this complex matter, which further supports the Court's finding that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class Members. The Court finds that the uncertainties of continued litigation in both the trial and appellate courts, as well as the expense associated with it, weigh in favor of approval of the Settlement.

4. This Court grants final approval of the Settlement, including but not limited to the releases in the Settlement and the plans for distribution of the settlement relief. The Court finds that the Settlement is in all respects fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of the Settlement Class. Therefore, all Settlement Class Members who have not opted out are bound by the Settlement and this Final Approval Order and Judgment.

5. The Settlement and every term and provision thereof shall be deemed incorporated herein as if explicitly set forth herein and shall have the full force of an Order of this Court.

6. The Parties shall effectuate the Settlement in accordance with its terms.

OBJECTIONS AND OPT-OUTS

7. No objections were filed by Settlement Class Members.

8. All persons and entities who have not objected to the Settlement in the manner provided in the Settlement are deemed to have waived any objections to the Settlement, including but not limited to by appeal, collateral attack, or otherwise.

9. No putative Settlement Class Members have timely and validly elected to opt out of the Settlement and the Settlement Class in accordance with the requirements in the Settlement (the “Opt-Out Members”).

CLASS CERTIFICATION

10. For purposes of the Settlement and this Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Court hereby finally certifies for settlement purposes only the following Settlement Class:

All financial institutions in the United States (including its Territories and the District of Columbia) that issued Alerted-On Payment Cards in connection with the Data Security Incident at Defendants’ stores from May 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. Excluded from the Settlement Class are the Court, and any immediate family members of the Court; directors, officers, and employees of Defendants; parents, subsidiaries, and any entity in which Defendants have a controlling interest; and financial institutions who timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class.

11. The Court determines that for settlement purposes the Settlement Class meets all the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a), (b)(2), and (b)(3), namely that the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical; that there are common issues of law and fact; that the claims of the Settlement Class Representatives are typical of absent Settlement Class Members; that the Settlement Class Representatives have and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class as they have no interests antagonistic to or in conflict with the Settlement Class and have retained experienced and competent counsel to prosecute this matter; that common issues predominate over any individual issues; and that a class

action is the superior means of adjudicating the controversy

12. The Court grants final approval to the appointment of the Financial Institution Plaintiffs as the Settlement Class Representatives. The Court concludes that the Settlement Class Representatives have fairly and adequately represented the Settlement Class and will continue to do so.

13. The Court grants final approval to the appointment, pursuant to Rule 23(g), of Joseph P. Guglielmo of Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law, LLP as Class Counsel. The Court concludes that Class Counsel have adequately represented the Settlement Class and will continue to do so.

NOTICE TO THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

14. The Court finds that the Notice Program, set forth in the Settlement and effectuated pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, satisfied Rule 23(c)(2), was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, was reasonably calculated to provide and did provide due and sufficient notice to the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Litigation, certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, the existence and terms of the Settlement, their right to exclude themselves, their right to object to the Settlement and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, and satisfied the other requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution, and all other applicable laws.

15. The Court finds that Hudson's Bay has fully complied with the notice requirements of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715.

AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND SERVICE

AWARDS

16. The Court has considered Class Counsel's Fee Application.

17. The Court grants Class Counsel's request for Service Awards and awards \$3,000 to each Financial Institution Plaintiff: Arkansas Federal Credit Union and The Summit Federal Credit Union. The Court finds that this payment is justified by their service to the Settlement Class. These Service Awards shall be paid by Hudson's Bay in accordance with the Settlement.

18. Pursuant to Rule 23(h) and relevant Second Circuit authority, the Court approves a combined award to Class Counsel of \$1.1 million as reasonable attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses (and inclusive of the approved Service Awards, and all notice and settlement administration costs) to be paid by Hudson's Bay in accordance with the Settlement. The Court finds the amount of fees and expenses to be fair and reasonable.

19. This award of attorneys' fees, expenses, Service Awards, and notice and settlement administration costs is independent of the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement.

OTHER PROVISIONS

20. The Parties to the Settlement shall carry out their respective obligations thereunder.

21. Within the time period set forth in the Settlement, the relief provided for in the Settlement shall be made available to the Settlement Class Members submitting valid Claim Forms, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Settlement.

22. As of the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties, each on behalf of itself—and any each of these entities' current and former parents, subsidiaries, affiliated companies, predecessors and divisions, as well as their respective heirs, assigns, beneficiaries, predecessors, officers, directors, agents, partnerships, partners, insurers, reinsurers and successors—shall automatically be deemed to have fully, completely, finally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged

Hudson's Bay and Defendants' Released Persons of and from any and all liabilities, rights, claims, actions, causes of action, demands, damages, penalties, costs, attorneys' fees, losses, and remedies, whether known or unknown (including Unknown Claims²), existing or potential, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or unliquidated, legal, administrative, statutory, or equitable, that are, were or could have been asserted in the Litigation or the Complaint, including, but not limited to, claims that result from, arise out of, are based upon, or relate to the Data Security Incident, including, without limitation, any claims, actions, causes of action, demands, damages, penalties, losses, or remedies relating to, based upon, resulting from, or arising out of: (a) Hudson's Bay information security policies and practices; (b) the allegations, facts, and/or circumstances described in the Litigation and/or Complaint; (c) Hudson's Bay's response to and notices about the Data Security Incident; (d) the fraudulent use of any Alerted-On Payment Cards or any other payment cards issued by the Releasing Party; (e) the cancellation and reissuance of any Alerted-On Payment Cards or any other payment cards issued by the Releasing Party; and (f) any expenses incurred in reimbursing customers for fraudulent transactions made on Alerted-On Payment Cards or any other payment cards issued by the Releasing Party incurred as a direct result of the Data Security Incident (the "Released Claims").

23. The Released Claims include, without limitation, any claims, causes of actions, remedies, or damages that were, or could have been, asserted in the Litigation and also include, without limitation: any claims that a Releasing Party may have under the law of any jurisdiction, including, without limitation, those arising under state or federal law of the United States; causes of action under the common or civil laws of any state in the United States, including, but not limited to, unjust enrichment, negligence, bailment, conversion, negligence per se, breach of

² As further defined in the Settlement Agreement.

contract, breach of implied contract, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, misrepresentation (whether fraudulent, negligent, or innocent), fraudulent concealment or nondisclosure, invasion of privacy, public disclosure of private facts, and misappropriation of likeness and identity; any causes of action based on privacy rights provided for under the constitutions of the United States or of any states in the United States; any statutory claims under state or federal law; and also including, but not limited to, any and all claims in any state or federal court of the United States for damages, injunctive relief, restitution, disgorgement, declaratory relief, equitable relief, attorneys' fees and expenses, pre-judgment interest, credit or financial account monitoring services, identity theft insurance, the creation of a fund for future damages, statutory penalties, restitution, the appointment of a receiver, and any other form of relief.

24. Settlement Class Members are deemed to have waived the provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by Cal. Civ. Code §1542 to the extent applicable, and also any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state, province, or territory of the United States (including, without limitation, Montana Code Ann. §28-1-1602; North Dakota Cent. Code §9-13-02; and South Dakota Codified Laws §20-7-11), which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

25. As of the Effective Date, Defendants' Released Persons will be deemed to have completely released and forever discharged the Releasing Parties and Plaintiffs' Released Persons from and for any and all liabilities, claims, cross-claims, causes of action, rights, actions, suits, debts, liens, contracts, agreements, damages, costs, attorneys' fees, losses, expenses, obligations,

or demands of any kind whatsoever, whether known or unknown, existing or potential, or suspected or unsuspected, whether raised by claim, counterclaim, setoff, or otherwise, including any known or unknown claims, which they have or may claim now or in the future to have, relating to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the Litigation, except for claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement or this Agreement, and for the submission of false or fraudulent claims for Settlement benefits.

26. The Settlement Class Representatives and Settlement Class Members are enjoined from prosecuting any Released Claims in any proceeding against any of the Defendants' Released Persons or prosecuting any claim based on any actions taken by any of the Defendants' Released Persons that are authorized or required by this Settlement or by the Final Approval Order and Judgment. It is further agreed that the Settlement and/or this Final Approval Order and Judgment may be pleaded as a complete defense to any proceeding subject to this section.

27. This Final Approval Order and Judgment and the Settlement, and all acts, statements, documents, and proceedings relating to the Settlement are not, and shall not be construed as, used as, or deemed to be evidence of, an admission by or against Hudson's Bay of any claim, any fact alleged in the Litigation, any fault, any wrongdoing, any violation of law, or any liability of any kind on the part of Hudson's Bay or of the validity or certifiability for litigation of any claims that have been, or could have been, asserted in the Litigation.

28. This Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Settlement, and all acts, statements, documents, and proceedings relating to the Settlement shall not be offered, received, or admissible in evidence in any action or proceeding, or be used in any way as an admission, concession or evidence of any liability or wrongdoing of any nature or that Plaintiffs, any Settlement Class Member, or any other person has suffered any damage; *provided, however*, that nothing in the

foregoing, the Settlement, or this Final Approval Order and Judgment shall be interpreted to prohibit the use of the Settlement or this Final Approval Order and Judgment in a proceeding to consummate or enforce the Settlement or this Final Approval Order and Judgment (including all releases in the Settlement and Final Approval Order and Judgment), or to defend against the assertion of any Released Claims in any other proceeding, or as otherwise required by law.

29. The Settlement's terms shall be forever binding on, and shall have res judicata and preclusive effect in, all pending and future lawsuits or other proceedings as to Released Claims (and other prohibitions set forth in this Final Approval Order and Judgment) that are brought, initiated, or maintained by, or on behalf of, any Settlement Class Member who is not an Opt-Out Member or any other person subject to the provisions of this Final Approval Order and Judgment.

30. The Court hereby dismisses the Litigation and Complaint and all claims therein on the merits and with prejudice, without fees or costs to any Party except as provided in this Final Approval Order and Judgment.

31. Consistent with the Settlement, if the Effective Date, as defined in the Settlement Agreement, does not occur for any reason, this Final Approval Order and Judgment and the Preliminary Approval Order shall be deemed vacated and shall have no force and effect whatsoever; the Settlement shall be considered null and void; all of the Parties' obligations under the Settlement, the Preliminary Approval Order, and this Final Approval Order and Judgment shall cease to be of any force and effect, and the Parties shall return to the status quo ante in the Litigation as if the Parties had not entered into the Settlement. In such an event, the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Litigation as if the Settlement Agreement had never been entered into (and without prejudice to any of the Parties' respective positions on the issue of

class certification or any other issue).

32. Pursuant to the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651, this Court shall retain the authority to issue any order necessary to protect its jurisdiction from any action, whether in state or federal court.

33. Without affecting the finality of this Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the subject matter and the Parties with respect to the interpretation and implementation of the Settlement for all purposes, including enforcement of its terms at the request of any party and resolution of any disputes that may arise relating in any way to, arising from, the implementation of the Settlement or the implementation of this Final Order and Judgment.

ENTERED:

DATED: December 7, 2021

By: 

Hon. P. Kevin Castel
Senior United States District Judge

The Clerk shall terminate all open motions and close the case.