

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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<b>IN RE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT BONDS ANTITRUST LITIGATION</b>	Lead Case No. 19-cv-2601  Hon. Victor Marrero
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**ORDER APPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, plaintiffs Ohio Carpenters’ Pension Fund, Electrical Workers Pension Fund Local 103 I.B.E.W., and San Bernardino County Employees’ Retirement Association (“Plaintiffs”), on behalf of themselves and the other members of the Settlement Class, have entered into settlements as set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement with State Street Corporation and State Street Bank and Trust Company; Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., J.P. Morgan Securities plc (f/k/a J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd.), and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (f/k/a J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.); Amended Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement with UniCredit Bank AG; Amended Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement with Natixis S.A.; and Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement with Bank of America, N.A., Merrill Lynch International, NatWest Markets Plc, NatWest Markets Securities Inc., Nomura International plc, UBS AG, UBS Europe SE, UBS Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Jefferies International Limited, and Jefferies LLC (the “Global Stipulation”);

WHEREAS, the foregoing stipulations are referred to as the “Stipulations,” and the foregoing defendants are collectively referred to as the “Settling Defendants”;

WHEREAS, the Stipulations provide for a complete dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against the Settling Defendants on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulations,

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined in this Order Approving the Distribution Plan (the “Order”), the capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as they have in the Stipulations;

WHEREAS, by orders dated June 16, 2021, May 2, 2022, and June 12, 2023 (ECF Nos. 212, 258, 381, and 382, respectively), this Court: (i) preliminarily approved the State Street, JPMorgan, UniCredit, and Natixis Stipulations; (ii) ordered that notice of the proposed Settlements be provided to the respective Settlement Classes; (iii) provided Settlement Class Members with the opportunity to object to the proposed Settlements; (v) provided Settlement Class Members with the opportunity to exclude themselves from the respective Settlement Classes; and (iv) scheduled a hearing regarding final approval of the Settlements;

WHEREAS, by orders dated April 19, 2024 (ECF Nos. 483, 484, 485, and 486), this Court: (i) finally approved the State Street, JPMorgan, UniCredit, and Natixis Stipulations; (ii) certified the respective Settlement Classes for purposes of the Settlements; (iii) found the notice of the Settlements to the respective Settlement Classes satisfied Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the U.S. Constitution (including the Due Process Clause); and (iv) entered final judgments;

WHEREAS, by order dated July 29, 2024 (ECF No. 505), this Court: (i) preliminarily approved the Global Stipulation and Distribution Plan; (ii) ordered that notice of the proposed Settlement be provided to the respective Settlement Class; (iii) provided Settlement Class Members with the opportunity to object to the proposed Settlement; (v) provided Settlement Class Members with the opportunity to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; and (iv) scheduled a hearing regarding final approval of the Settlement;

WHEREAS, due and adequate notice has been given to the Settlement Class as to the Global Stipulation;

WHEREAS, the 90-day period provided by the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. §1715(d), having expired;

WHEREAS, the Court conducted a hearing on December 6, 2024 as to the Global Stipulation (the “Settlement Hearing”) to consider, among other things, whether the Distribution Plan should be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Court having reviewed and considered the Distribution Plan, all papers filed and proceedings held herein in connection with the Global Stipulation, and the record in the Action, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

1. **Jurisdiction** – This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, all matters relating to the settlements, as well as personal jurisdiction over all Parties and each of the Settlement Class Members.
2. **CAFA Notice** – The notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. §1715, have been satisfied.
3. **Notice** – Notice of Plaintiffs’ motion for approval of the Global Stipulation and the Distribution Plan was given to all members of the Settlement Class who or which could be identified with reasonable effort. The form and method of notifying the Settlement Class of the motion for approval of the Global Stipulation and Distribution Plan satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constituted due and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled thereto.
4. **Distribution Plan** – The Court finds and concludes that the Distribution Plan is, in all respects, fair and reasonable to the Settlement Class of each of the Stipulations.
5. **Retention of Jurisdiction** – Without affecting the finality of this Order in anyway, this Court hereby retains continuing jurisdiction over the Parties and Settlement Class

Members for all matters relating to this Action, including the administration, interpretation, effectuation, or enforcement of this Order.

6. **Separate Orders** – Separate orders shall be entered regarding final approval of the Global Stipulation and entry of the Judgment thereon, and the application of Co-Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys’ fees, Litigation Expenses, and service awards. Such orders shall in no way disturb or affect this Order and shall not affect or delay the Effective Date of the Settlement.

7. **Entry of Order** – There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order, and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

SO ORDERED.



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HON. VICTOR MARRERO  
United States District Judge

DATED: 9 December 2024