

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

CARL PALAZZOLO and ALBERT
FERRANDI, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES
N.V., SERGIO MARCHIONNE,
RICHARD K. PALMER, and REID
BIGLAND,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:16-cv-12803-LVP-SDD

Hon. Linda V. Parker

JUDGMENT APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, a putative securities class action is pending in this Court entitled *Palazzolo, et al. v. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V., et al.*, Case No. 4:16-cv-12803-LVP-SDD (the “Action”);

WHEREAS, Lead Plaintiffs Carl Palazzolo and Albert Ferrandi, on behalf of themselves and the other members of the Settlement Class (as defined below), and defendants Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. (“FCA” or the “Company”), Richard K. Palmer and Reid Bigland (collectively, the “Signatory Defendants,” and, together with Lead Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the other members of the Settlement Class, the “Parties”) have entered into the Stipulation and Agreement of

Settlement dated January 31, 2019 (the “Stipulation”), that provides for a complete dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation, subject to the approval of this Court (the “Settlement”);

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined in this Judgment, the capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as they have in the Stipulation;

WHEREAS, by Order dated February 20, 2019 (the “Preliminary Approval Order”), this Court: (a) preliminarily approved the Settlement; (b) provisionally certified the Settlement Class solely for the purpose of effectuating the Settlement; (c) directed that notice of the proposed Settlement be provided to Settlement Class Members; (d) provided Settlement Class Members with the opportunity either to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class or to object to the Settlement; and (e) scheduled a hearing regarding final approval of the Settlement;

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

WHEREAS, there have been no objections to the Settlement;

WHEREAS, the Court conducted a hearing on June 5, 2019 (the “Settlement Fairness Hearing”) to consider, among other things, (a) whether the terms and conditions of the Settlement are fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, and should therefore be approved; and (b) whether a judgment should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice as against the Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Court, having reviewed and considered the Stipulation, all papers filed and proceedings held herein in connection with the Settlement, all oral and written comments received regarding the Settlement, and the record in the Action, and good cause appearing therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Jurisdiction** – The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, and all matters relating to the Settlement, as well as personal jurisdiction over all of the Parties and each of the Settlement Class Members.

2. **Incorporation of Settlement Documents** – This Judgment incorporates and makes a part hereof: (a) the Stipulation filed with the Court on January 31, 2019; and (b) the Notice and the Summary Notice, both of which were filed with the Court on May 1, 2019.

3. **Certification of the Settlement Class for Purposes of Settlement** – Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court finally certifies, solely for purposes of effectuating the Settlement, this Action as a class action on behalf of a Settlement Class — defined as all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired the publicly traded common stock of FCA on a U.S. Exchange between November 3, 2014 and July 26, 2016, inclusive, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are (i) Defendants; (ii) present and former directors or executive officers of the Company; (iii) any of

Defendants' Immediate Family members; (iv) any of the foregoing individuals' or entities' legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns; and (v) any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest, or which is related to or affiliated with any of the Defendants. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons and entities who or which timely and properly excluded themselves from the Settlement Class by submitting a request for exclusion, as listed on the attached Exhibit 1.

4. The Court finds that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(2), having considered and found that:

- a. Lead Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have adequately represented the Settlement Class;
- b. the proposal was negotiated at arm's length;
- c. the relief provided for the Settlement Class is adequate,

having taken into account:

- (1) the costs, risks, and delay of trial and appeal;
- (2) the effectiveness of any proposed method of distributing relief to the Settlement Class, including the method of processing Settlement Class Member claims; and

(3) the terms of any proposed award of attorney's fees, including timing of payment; and

d. the proposal treats Settlement Class Members equitably relative to each other.

5. Lead Plaintiffs are hereby appointed, for purposes of effectuating the Settlement only, as representatives for the Settlement Class for purposes of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP and The Miller Law Firm, P.C., which were appointed by the Court to serve as Lead Counsel, are hereby appointed, for settlement purposes only, as counsel for the Settlement Class pursuant to Rules 23(c)(1)(B) and (g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

6. **Notice** – The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notice and the publication of the Summary Notice: (a) were implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder); (iii) Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses; (iv) their right to object to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses; (v) their right to exclude themselves

from the Settlement Class; and (vi) their right to appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing; (d) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (e) satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules.

7. **CAFA** – The Court finds that the notice requirements set forth in the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, to the extent applicable to the Action, have been satisfied.

8. **Final Settlement Approval and Dismissal of Claims** – Pursuant to, and in accordance with, Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby fully and finally approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation in all respects (including, without limitation: the amount of the Settlement; the Releases provided for therein; and the dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action), and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class. The Parties are directed to implement, perform, and consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions contained in the Stipulation.

9. The Action and all of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action by Lead Plaintiffs and the other Settlement Class Members are hereby dismissed with prejudice. The Parties shall bear their own costs and expenses, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Stipulation.

10. **Binding Effect** – The terms of the Stipulation and of this Judgment shall be forever binding on Defendants, Lead Plaintiffs, and all other Settlement Class Members (regardless of whether or not any individual Settlement Class Member submits a Claim Form or seeks or obtains a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund), as well as their respective successors and assigns. The persons listed on Exhibit 1 hereto are excluded from the Settlement Class pursuant to request and are not bound by the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.

11. **Releases and Bars** – The Releases set forth in paragraphs 5 through 7 of the Stipulation, together with the definitions contained in paragraph 1 of the Stipulation relating thereto, are expressly incorporated herein in all respects. The Releases are effective as of the Effective Date. Accordingly, this Court orders that:

(a) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 12 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiffs and each of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors and assigns in their capacities as such, and on behalf of any other person or entity legally entitled to bring Released

Plaintiffs' Claims on behalf of any Settlement Class Member, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim against the Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, maintaining, prosecuting or continuing to prosecute any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in this Action or in any other proceeding. This Release shall not apply to any Excluded Plaintiffs' Claims.

(b) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 12 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Signatory Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors and assigns in their capacities as such, and on behalf of any other person or entity legally entitled to bring Released Defendants' Claims on behalf of Defendants, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim against the Plaintiffs' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, maintaining, prosecuting or continuing to prosecute any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in

this Action or in any other proceeding. This Release shall not apply to any Excluded Defendants' Claims.

12. Notwithstanding paragraphs 11(a) – (b) above, nothing in this Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.

13. **Rule 11 Findings** – The Court finds and concludes that the Parties and their respective counsel have complied in all respects with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in connection with the institution, prosecution, defense, and settlement of the Action.

14. **No Admissions** – Neither this Judgment, the Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits thereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of the Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

(a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants or Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants or Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Lead Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any

defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants or the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants or the Defendants' Releasees, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;

(b) shall be offered against Lead Plaintiffs or any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by Lead Plaintiffs or any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants or Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Consolidated Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against Lead Plaintiffs or any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;

or

(c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given hereunder represents

the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; *provided, however, that if the Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.*

15. **Retention of Jurisdiction** – Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over: (a) the Parties for purposes of the administration, interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the Settlement; (b) the disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) any motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and/or Litigation Expenses by Lead Counsel in the Action that will be paid from the Settlement Fund; (d) any motion to approve the Plan of Allocation; (e) any motion to approve the Class Distribution Order; and (f) the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the Action.

16. Separate orders shall be entered regarding approval of a plan of allocation and the motion of Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Such orders shall in no way affect or delay the finality of this Judgment and shall not affect or delay the Effective Date of the Settlement.

17. **Modification of the Agreement of Settlement** – Without further approval from the Court, Lead Plaintiffs and Signatory Defendants are hereby

authorized to agree to and adopt such amendments or modifications of the Stipulation or any exhibits attached thereto to effectuate the Settlement that: (a) are not materially inconsistent with this Judgment; and (b) do not materially limit the rights of Settlement Class Members in connection with the Settlement. Without further order of the Court, Lead Plaintiffs and Signatory Defendants may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement.

18. **Termination of Settlement** – If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, including as a result of any appeals, this Judgment shall be vacated, rendered null and void and be of no further force and effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and this Judgment shall be without prejudice to the rights of Lead Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, and Defendants, and the Parties shall be deemed to have reverted *nunc pro tunc* to their respective positions in the Action as of the date immediately prior to the execution of the Stipulation. Except as otherwise provided in the Stipulation, in the event the Settlement is terminated in its entirety or if the Effective Date fails to occur for any reason, the balance of the Settlement Fund including interest accrued therein, less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid, or payable and less any Taxes and Tax Expenses paid, due, or owing, shall be returned to FCA (or such other persons or entities as FCA may direct), in accordance with the Stipulation.

19. **Entry of Final Judgment** – There is no just reason to delay the entry of this Judgment and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Linda V. Parker

LINDA V. PARKER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: June 5, 2019

EXHIBIT 1**List of Persons Excluded from the Settlement Class Pursuant to Request**

Name	State	Country
June Goodwin	Indiana	U.S.
Jonathan D. Sato	California	U.S.
Jeffrey Lewis Carter	Georgia	U.S.
Barbara Finn	Massachusetts	U.S.
James W. Kopas	California	U.S.
Edwin R. Roberts	Alabama	U.S.
Ann Mosca	New York	U.S.
Rosalie K. Fazio	Michigan	U.S.
Giovanni & Teresa Abbruzzese		Canada
Joseph Kreit	Maryland	U.S.
Sally A. Miller	Wisconsin	U.S.
Sammy Young	Washington	U.S.