## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



IN RE FACEBOOK, INC. IPO SECURITIES AND DERIVATIVE LITIGATION

MDL No. 12-2389 (RWS)

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# [PROPOSED] ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING SETTIMEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE

WHEREAS, a consolidated securities class action is pending in this Court in the matter styled *In re Facebook, Inc. IPO Securities & Derivative Litigation*, MDL No. 12-2389 (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Action");

WHEREAS, in an Opinion dated December 11, 2015, this Court certified the Action to proceed as a class action on behalf of (a) all institutional investors that purchased or otherwise acquired Facebook Class A common stock in or traceable to the Company's May 17, 2012 initial

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public offering ("IPO") during the period May 17, 2012 through May 21, 2012, inclusive (the "Class Period"), and were damaged thereby (the "Institutional Investor Subclass"); and (b) all retail investors who purchased or otherwise acquired Facebook Class A common stock in or traceable to the Company's IPO during the Class Period, and were damaged thereby (the "Retail Investor Subclass" and, together with the Institutional Investor Subclass, the "Class").

WHEREAS, pursuant to this Court's Order dated June 8, 2016, notice was disseminated to potential members of the Class to notify them of, among other things: (i) the Action pending against Defendants; (ii) the Court's certification of the Action to proceed as a class action on behalf of the Class; and (iii) their right to request to be excluded from the Class, the effect of remaining in the Class or requesting exclusion, and the requirements for requesting exclusion;

WHEREAS, (a) Lead Plaintiffs Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association (collectively, "Lead Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the other members of the Class, and (b) defendants Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook" or the "Company"); Mark Zuckerberg, Sheryl K. Sandberg, David A. Ebersman, David M. Spillane, Marc L. Andreessen, Erskine B. Bowles, James W. Breyer, Donald E. Graham, Reed Hastings, and Peter A. Thiel (collectively, the "Individual Defendants"); and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC;

The following investors have been previously excluded from the Class by the Court pursuant to its December 11, 2015 Opinion: American Century Investment Management Inc.; Blue Ridge Capital, LLC; Capital Research and Management Company; Chilton Investment Company, LLC; Clovis Capital Management, LP; Columbia Management Investment Advisors, LLC; Fidelity Management and Research Company; Jennison Associates LLC; Ian DelBalso; Kingdon Capital Management, LLC; Loews Corp; Maple Lane Capital, LLC; Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.; Soros Fund Management LLC; Surveyor Capital; T. Rowe Price Distribution Group; Teachers Insurance Annuity Association of America; Turner Investments LP; Weiss Multi-Strategy Advisers LLC; and Wellington Management Company LLP; and any other investors whose shares were purchased on their behalf by any of the excluded investors with full discretionary authority. Also excluded from the Class by definition are (i) Defendants; (ii) present or former executive officers of Facebook and their Immediate Family Members; and (iii) any person or entity that submitted a request for exclusion from the Class as set forth in Appendix 1 to the Stipulation.

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC; Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (formerly Goldman, Sachs & Co.); Allen & Company LLC; Barclays Capital Inc.; Blaylock Robert Van LLC; BMO Capital Markets Corp.; C.L. King & Associates, Inc.; Cabrera Capital Markets, LLC; CastleOak Securities, L.P.; Citigroup Global Markets Inc.; Cowen and Company, LLC; Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC; Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.; E\*TRADE Securities LLC; Itau BBA USA Securities, Inc.; Lazard Capital Markets LLC; Lebenthal & Co., LLC; Loop Capital Markets LLC; M.R. Beal & Company; Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc.; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated; Muriel Siebert & Co., Inc.; Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.; KeyBanc Capital Markets, Inc. (formerly Pacific Crest Securities LLC); Piper Jaffray & Co.; Raymond James & Associates, Inc.; RBC Capital Markets, LLC; Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc.; Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated; Wells Fargo Securities, LLC; The Williams Capital Group, L.P.; and William Blair & Company, L.L.C. (collectively, the "Underwriter Defendants" and, together with Facebook and the Individual Defendants, "Defendants," and, together with Lead Plaintiffs, the "Parties") have determined to settle all claims asserted against Defendants in this Action with prejudice on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated February 26, 2018 (the "Stipulation") subject to approval of this Court (the "Settlement");

WHEREAS, Lead Plaintiffs have made an application, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for an order preliminarily approving the Settlement in accordance with the Stipulation, and approving notice of the Settlement to Class Members as more fully described herein;

WHEREAS, the Court has read and considered: (a) Lead Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement, and the papers filed and arguments made in connection therewith; and (b) the Stipulation and the exhibits attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized words contained herein shall have the same meanings as they have in the Stipulation;

### NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- Preliminary Approval of the Settlement The Court hereby preliminarily approves the Settlement, as embodied in the Stipulation, as being fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Class, subject to further consideration at the Settlement Hearing to be conducted as described below.
- 2. Settlement Hearing The Court will hold a settlement hearing (the "Settlement Hearing") on Settlement J., 2018 at 10. H.m. at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312, in Courtroom 18C for the following purposes: (a) to determine whether the proposed Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Class, and should be approved by the Court; (b) to determine whether a Judgment substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B to the Stipulation should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice against Defendants; (c) to determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation for the proceeds of the Settlement is fair and reasonable and should be approved; (d) to determine whether the motion by Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses should be approved; and (e) to consider any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement. Notice of the Settlement and the Settlement Hearing shall be given to Class Members as set forth in paragraph 4 of this Order.

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- 3. The Court may adjourn the Settlement Hearing without further notice to the Class, and may approve the proposed Settlement with such modifications as the Parties may agree to, if appropriate, without further notice to the Class.
- 4. Retention of Claims Administrator and Manner of Giving Notice Lead Counsel are hereby authorized to retain A.B. Data, Ltd. (the "Claims Administrator" or "A.B. Data"), which was previously approved by the Court to administer the dissemination of the Class Notice, to supervise and administer the notice procedure in connection with the proposed Settlement as well as the processing of Claims as more fully set forth below. Notice of the Settlement and the Settlement Hearing shall be given by Lead Counsel as follows:
- (a) not later than twenty (20) business days after the date of entry of this Order (the "Notice Date"), the Claims Administrator shall cause a copy of the Settlement Notice and the Claim Form, substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively (the "Settlement Notice Packet"), to be mailed by first-class mail to the members of the Class who may be identified through reasonable effort;
- (b) contemporaneously with the mailing of the Settlement Notice Packet, the Claims Administrator shall cause copies of the Settlement Notice and the Claim Form to be posted on the website developed for this Action, <a href="www.FacebookSecuritiesLitigation.com">www.FacebookSecuritiesLitigation.com</a>, from which copies of the Settlement Notice and Claim Form can be downloaded;
- (c) not later than ten (10) business days after the Notice Date, the Claims Administrator shall cause the Summary Settlement Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3, to be published once in *Investor's Business Daily* and to be transmitted once over the *PR Newswire* and *CNW Newswire*; and

- (d) not later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing,
  Lead Counsel shall serve on Defendants' Counsel and file with the Court proof, by affidavit or
  declaration, of such mailing and publication.
- Approval of Form and Content of Notice The Court (a) approves, as to form 5. and content, the Settlement Notice, the Claim Form, and the Summary Settlement Notice, attached hereto as Exhibits 1, 2, and 3, respectively, and (b) finds that the mailing and distribution of the Settlement Notice and Claim Form and the publication of the Summary Settlement Notice in the manner and form set forth in paragraph 4 of this Order (i) is the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (ii) constitutes notice that is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder), of Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, of their right to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, and of their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (iii) constitutes due, adequate and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (iv) satisfies 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. § 77z-1, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules. The date and time of the Settlement Hearing shall be included in the Settlement Notice and Summary Settlement Notice before they are mailed and published, respectively.
- 6. <u>Nominee Procedures</u> In connection with the previous dissemination of Class Notice to members of the Class, brokers and other nominees ("Nominees") were advised that, if they purchased or otherwise acquired Facebook Class A common stock during the Class Period

for the beneficial interest of persons or organizations other than themselves, they must either:

(a) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Class Mailed Notice, request from A.B. Data sufficient copies of the Class Mailed Notice to forward to all such beneficial owners and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Class Mailed Notices forward them to all such beneficial owners; or (b) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Class Mailed Notice, provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to A.B. Data.

- (a) For Nominees who chose the first option (i.e., elected to mail the Class Mailed Notice directly to beneficial owners), A.B. Data shall forward the same number of Settlement Notice Packets to such Nominees, and the Nominees shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of the Settlement Notice Packets, mail the Settlement Notice Packets to their beneficial owners;
- (b) For Nominees who chose the second option (i.e., provided a list of names and addresses of beneficial holders to A.B. Data), A.B. Data shall promptly mail a copy of the Settlement Notice Packet to each of the beneficial owners whose names and addresses the Nominee previously supplied. Unless the Nominee purchased or acquired Facebook Class A common stock during the Class Period for beneficial owners whose names and addresses were not previously provided to A.B. Data, such Nominees need not take any further action;
- (c) For Nominees that purchased or acquired Facebook Class A common stock during the Class Period for beneficial owners whose information was not previously provided to A.B. Data, such Nominees shall within ten (10) business days of receipt of the Settlement Notice, provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to A.B. Data, or shall request from A.B. Data sufficient copies of the Settlement Notice Packet to

forward to all such beneficial owners which the Nominee shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of the Settlement Notice Packets from A.B. Data, mail to the beneficial owners; and

- (d) Upon full and timely compliance with this Order, Nominees who mail the Settlement Notice Packets to beneficial owners may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred in complying with this Order by providing A.B. Data with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Such properly documented expenses incurred by Nominees in compliance with the terms of this Order shall be paid from the Settlement Fund, with any disputes as to the reasonableness or documentation of expenses incurred subject to review by the Court.
- 7. Participation in the Settlement Class Members who wish to participate in the Settlement and to be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund must complete and submit a Claim Form in accordance with the instructions contained therein. Unless the Court orders otherwise, all Claim Forms must be postmarked no later than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the Notice Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lead Counsel may, at their discretion, accept for processing late Claims provided such acceptance does not delay the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to the Class. By submitting a Claim, a person or entity shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her or its Claim and the subject matter of the Settlement.
- 8. Each Claim Form submitted must satisfy the following conditions: (a) it must be properly completed, signed and submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph; (b) it must be accompanied by adequate supporting documentation for the transactions and holdings reported therein, in the form of broker confirmation slips, broker account statements, an authorized statement from the broker containing the transactional

and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement, or such other documentation as is deemed adequate by Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator; (c) if the person executing the Claim Form is acting in a representative capacity, a certification of his, her or its current authority to act on behalf of the Class Member must be included in the Claim Form to the satisfaction of Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator; and (d) the Claim Form must be complete and contain no material deletions or modifications of any of the printed matter contained therein and must be signed under penalty of perjury.

- 9. Any Class Member that does not timely and validly submit a Claim Form or whose Claim is not otherwise approved by the Court: (a) shall be deemed to have waived his, her or its right to share in the Net Settlement Fund; (b) shall be forever barred from participating in any distributions therefrom; (c) shall be bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and the Settlement and all proceedings, determinations, orders, and judgments in the Action relating thereto, including, without limitation, the Judgment, and the Releases provided for therein, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Class; and (d) will be barred from commencing, maintaining, or prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against each and all of the Defendants' Releasees, as more fully described in the Stipulation and Notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, late Claim Forms may be accepted for processing as set forth in paragraph 7 above.
- 10. No Second Opportunity to Request Exclusion From the Class In light of the extensive notice program undertaken in connection with class certification and the ample opportunity provided to Class Members to request exclusion from the Class at that time, the Court is exercising its discretion in accordance with Second Circuit precedent (see, e.g., Denney v. Deutsche Bank AG, 443 F.3d 253, 271 (2d Cir. 2006) and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Visa

U.S.A., Inc., 396 F.3d 96, 114-15 (2d Cir. 2005)) to preclude Class Members from having a second opportunity to exclude themselves from the Class in connection with the Settlement proceedings.

- 11. Appearance and Objections at Settlement Hearing Any Class Member may enter an appearance in the Action, at his, her or its own expense, individually or through counsel of his, her or its own choice, by filing with the Clerk of Court and delivering a notice of appearance to both Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, at the addresses set forth in paragraph 12 below, such that it is received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, or as the Court may otherwise direct. Any Class Member who does not enter an appearance will be represented by Lead Counsel.
- 12. Any Class Member may file a written objection to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses and appear and show cause, if he, she or it has any cause, why the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses should not be approved; *provided, however*, that no Class Member shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of any aspect of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and/or the motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses unless that person or entity has filed a written objection with the Court and served copies of such objection on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth below such that they are received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

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- (a) must state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity objecting and must be signed by the objector; (b) must contain a statement of the Class Member's objection or objections, and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention; and (c) must include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Class, including the number of shares of Facebook Class A common stock that the objector purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Class Period, as well as the number of shares, dates, and prices for each such purchase, acquisition and sale. Objectors who enter an appearance and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing in support of their objection must include in their written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and any exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the hearing.
- 14. Any Class Member that does not make his, her or its objection in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to have waived his, her or its right to object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses and shall be forever barred and foreclosed from

objecting to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the requested attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, or from otherwise being heard concerning the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the requested attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses in this or any other proceeding.

- 15. <u>Stay and Temporary Injunction</u> Until otherwise ordered by the Court, the Court stays all proceedings in the Action other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Stipulation. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, the Court bars and enjoins Lead Plaintiffs, and all other members of the Class, from commencing or prosecuting any and all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against each and all of the Defendants' Releasees.
- 16. <u>Settlement Administration Fees and Expenses</u> All reasonable costs incurred in identifying Class Members and notifying them of the Settlement as well as in administering the Settlement shall be paid as set forth in the Stipulation without further order of the Court.
- 17. <u>Settlement Fund</u> The contents of the Settlement Fund held by Citibank, N.A. (which the Court approves as the Escrow Agent), shall be deemed and considered to be *in custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as they shall be distributed pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order(s) of the Court.
- 18. <u>Taxes</u> Lead Counsel are authorized and directed to prepare any tax returns and any other tax reporting form for or in respect to the Settlement Fund, to pay from the Settlement Fund any Taxes owed with respect to the Settlement Fund, and to otherwise perform all obligations with respect to Taxes and any reporting or filings in respect thereof without further order of the Court in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Stipulation.

- 19. Termination of Settlement If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation, the Settlement is not approved, or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Order shall be vacated, rendered null and void and be of no further force and effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and this Order shall be without prejudice to the rights of Lead Plaintiffs, the other Class Members, and Defendants, and the Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Action as of immediately prior to the execution of the Term Sheet on January 12, 2018, as provided in the Stipulation.
- Use of this Order Neither this Order, the Term Sheet, the Stipulation (whether 20. 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 Term Sheet and the Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Term Sheet, the Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith): (a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the 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' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' 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; (b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that

any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious

defenses, or that damages recoverable under the 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 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

under the Settlement 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 thereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

21. Supporting Papers - Lead Counsel shall file and serve the opening papers in

support of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's motion for an

award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses no later than thirty-five (35) calendar days prior

to the Settlement Hearing; and reply papers, if any, shall be filed and served no later than seven

(7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

22. The Court retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or

connected with the proposed Settlement.

SO ORDERED this 26 day of fermaly, 2018.

The Honorable Robert W. Sweet

United States District Judge

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