

TD Mutual Funds Class Action Regarding Trailing Commissions Paid to Discount Brokers

Notice of Proposed Settlement and Supplemental Opt-Out Deadline

Read this notice carefully as it may affect your legal rights

THIS NOTICE IS TO:

All persons, wherever they may reside or be domiciled, who held or hold, at any time on or prior to September 11, 2024, units of a TD Mutual Fund through a discount broker, except for the Excluded Persons (“**Class**” and “**Class Members**”).

In the above class definition:

“**TD Mutual Funds**” means all mutual fund trusts (including, without limitation, all series of units thereof) of which TD Asset Management Inc. (“**Defendant**”) is trustee or was trustee at any time on or prior to September 11, 2024 (but only in respect of the period during which the Defendant is trustee or was trustee, as applicable), including, for greater certainty, (i) those mutual funds that have been terminated, (ii) those mutual funds that have been merged into other mutual funds, and (iii) those mutual funds that have undergone name changes.

“**Excluded Persons**” means the Defendant; the past and present parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, senior employees, legal representatives, heirs, predecessors, successors and assigns of the Defendant; the past and present members of the independent review committee of each TD Mutual Fund; and any person who validly opted or opts out of the class action.

Examples of discount brokers are TD Direct Investing, BMO InvestorLine, CIBC Investor’s Edge, National Bank Direct Brokerage, RBC Direct Investing, Scotia iTRADE, CI Direct Trading, Qtrade, Desjardins Online Brokerage, HSBC InvestDirect, Laurentian Bank Discount Brokerage, Wealthsimple, Questrade, and Interactive Brokers. They may have had different names in the past.

A settlement (“**Settlement**”) has been reached in the class action in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against the Defendant (“**Action**”). This notice contains important details about the Settlement.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Objection Deadline (to object to the Settlement, Class Counsel’s fee request or the Distribution Protocol you should do so by): **November 18, 2024**

Supplemental Opt-Out Deadline (for those Class Members who held units of a TD Mutual Fund through a Discount Broker for the first time on or after April 9, 2022 to exclude themselves from the Action and the settlement): **December 8, 2024**

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT SEPARATE SETTLEMENT FOR NON-DISCOUNT BROKER HOLDERS OF TD MUTUAL FUNDS

This settlement is only for the benefit of persons who held units of a TD mutual fund trust through a discount broker. If you held units of a TD mutual fund other than through a discount broker (e.g. through an investment advisor), there is a separate settlement for you. Please visit <https://www.kalloghlianmyers.com/trailing> for more information about that settlement.

THE NATURE OF THE CLAIMS ASSERTED

It is alleged that the Defendant paid trailing commissions, out of the TD Mutual Fund assets, to discount brokers. The TD Mutual Funds are trusts governed by trust instruments. The Defendant is both trustee and manager of the TD Mutual Funds. It is alleged that the Defendant breached its duties as a trustee and fiduciary because the trailing commissions paid to discount brokers are excessive, inflated and/or unearned.

It is further alleged that the Defendant made misrepresentations about the nature of the trailing commission payments.

The Defendant has denied these allegations and continues to deny all allegations.

On behalf of the Class, the Action asserts claims under section 130 of the Ontario *Securities Act* and, if necessary, the equivalent provisions of the securities legislation of the other Canadian provinces and territories. Additionally, the Action advances claims under section 23.1 of the *Trustee Act*, and for breach of trust and fiduciary duty.

THE CERTIFICATION ORDER

By Orders dated February 27, 2020 and February 5, 2021, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (“**Court**”) certified the Action as a class proceeding under the Ontario *Class Proceedings Act, 1992*. The Court appointed the plaintiff, Peter Westwood, as the representative plaintiff for the Class (“**Plaintiff**”).

By Order dated October 1, 2024, the class definition was amended to the definition noted above.

THE SETTLEMENT

On September 11, 2024, the Plaintiff and the Defendant executed a Settlement Agreement (“**Settlement Agreement**”), which is subject to approval by the Court. The Settlement Agreement provides for the payment of C\$70,250,000 (“**Settlement Amount**”) in consideration of the full and final settlement of the claims of Class Members.

The Settlement Agreement provides that if approved by the Court, the claims of Class Members asserted or that could have been asserted in the Action will be fully and finally released, and the Action will be dismissed.

The Settlement Agreement is not an admission of liability, wrongdoing, or fault on the part of the Defendant, which has denied, and continues to deny, the allegations against it.

SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING

The Settlement Agreement is conditional on approval by the Court. The Settlement Agreement will be approved if the Court determines that it is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the Class Members to approve it.

The Court will hear a motion for approval of the Settlement on December 9, 2024 by videoconference. The hearing will be held by videoconference and a Zoom link will be made available on Class Counsel’s website at <https://www.siskinds.com/class-action/mutual-fund-trailing-commissions/>. Class Members may also request the link by emailing Class Counsel at garett.hunter@siskinds.com.

CLASS COUNSEL’S FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

The Plaintiff and the Class are represented by Siskinds LLP (“**Class Counsel**”). Class Counsel are conducting the Action on a contingent fee basis. On December 9, 2024, Class Counsel will make a motion to the Court for approval of their fees, and the fees of Bates Barristers P.C., which in the aggregate will not exceed C\$17,920,000, plus reimbursement for expenses incurred in the litigation in the maximum amount of C\$400,000, plus applicable taxes on the fees and expenses.

A funding agreement between the Plaintiff and Claims Funding International, PLC (“**Funder**”) was previously approved by the Court on June 20, 2019. Amounts owing to the Funder will be deducted from the amounts to be distributed to the Class Members before the actual distribution.

On December 9, 2024, Class Counsel will also seek the Court's approval for the payment of an honorarium to the Plaintiff in the maximum amount of C\$10,000. Class Counsel will be requesting that the honorarium be deducted directly from the Settlement Amount.

The fees of the claims administrator, together with any other costs relating to approval, notification, implementation and administration of the Settlement ("**Administration Expenses**"), will also be paid from the Settlement Amount.

CLASS MEMBERS' ENTITLEMENT TO COMPENSATION

If the Settlement Agreement is approved by the Court, the Settlement Amount, after deduction of Class Counsel's fees and expenses, amounts payable to the Funder, any approved honorarium for the Plaintiff and Administration Expenses ("**Net Settlement Amount**") will be distributed to Class Members who file valid and timely claims in accordance with the Distribution Protocol.

On December 9, 2024, the Plaintiff will seek the Court's approval of the Distribution Protocol and a process by which Class Members can claim compensation from the Net Settlement Amount.

The proposed Distribution Protocol will provide that in order to determine the individual entitlements of Class Members who make claims, the losses of each claimant will be calculated in accordance with the Distribution Protocol. Once the notional losses of all Class Members who have filed valid claims have been calculated, the Net Settlement Amount will be allocated to those Class Members in proportion to their percentage of the total notional losses calculated for all valid claims filed. Because the Net Settlement Amount will be distributed *pro rata*, it is not possible to estimate the individual recovery of any individual Class Member until all the claims have been received and reviewed.

The approval of the Settlement Agreement is not contingent on the approval of the Distribution Protocol. The Court may still approve the Settlement Agreement even if it does not approve the Distribution Protocol or approves amendments to the Distribution Protocol.

PARTICIPATION IN THE APPROVAL MOTION

The following material will be posted on Class Counsel's website dedicated to the Action (<https://www.siskinds.com/class-action/mutual-fund-trailing-commissions/>) on or before the dates set out below:

1. the Settlement Agreement (posted prior to or at the time of the publication of this notice);
2. the proposed Distribution Protocol (posted by October 28, 2024); and
3. a summary of the basis upon which Class Counsel recommends the Settlement and Distribution Protocol (posted by October 28, 2024).

Class Members who wish to comment on, or make an objection to, the approval of the Settlement Agreement, the Distribution Protocol, the honorarium, or the fees and disbursements of Class Counsel should deliver (by email, mail or courier) a written submission to Class Counsel, to be postmarked or received no later than **November 18, 2024**, at the following email address or mailing address:

Garett Hunter
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275 Dundas Street, Unit 1, P.O. Box 2520, London, ON N6B 3L1
Tel: 226-660-7802
Email: garett.hunter@siskinds.com

Any objections delivered by that date will be filed with the Court.

Class Members may attend at the hearing whether or not they deliver an objection. Class Members who wish to have a lawyer speak on their behalf at the hearing may retain one to do so at their own expense.

SUPPLEMENTAL OPT-OUT RIGHT FOR CERTAIN CLASS MEMBERS

If you are a Class Member who held units of a TD Mutual Fund through a Discount Broker for the first time on or after April 9, 2022 (meaning you never held units of a TD Mutual Fund through a Discount Broker on or before April 8, 2022), and you do not want to be bound by the outcome of the Action, including the terms of the Settlement if approved, you must “opt out”, meaning that you must exclude yourself from the Action in accordance with the following procedure.

Such Class Members who do not opt out will (i) be entitled to participate in the Settlement; (ii) be bound by the terms of the Settlement; and (iii) not be permitted to bring other legal proceedings in relation to the matters alleged in the Action against the Defendant, or any person released by the approved Settlement. Conversely, if you opt out of the Action, you will not be able to make a claim to receive compensation from the Settlement Amount but will maintain the right to pursue your own claim against the Defendant relating to the matters alleged in the Action subject to applicable limitation periods.

If you wish to opt out of the Action, you must complete, sign and return (by email, mail or courier) the supplemental opt-out form provided at Appendix “A” hereto to Class Counsel.

In order for your opt-out to be valid, your complete and signed supplemental opt-out form must be postmarked or received by Class Counsel by no later than **December 8, 2024**.

For other Class Members (meaning you held units of a TD Mutual Fund through a Discount Broker on or before April 8, 2022, regardless of whether you continued to hold those units after April 8, 2022), your opt-out period expired on April 8, 2022 and there is no further right to opt out of the Action.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This notice has been approved by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. The Court offices cannot answer any questions about the matters in this notice. The Orders of the Court and other information in both languages are available on Class Counsel’s website at <https://www.siskinds.com/class-action/mutual-fund-trailing-commissions/>.

Questions relating to the Action may be directed to Class Counsel using the contact details above.

Si vous avez besoin d'aide en français, veuillez contacter les avocats du groupe en utilisant les coordonnées ci-dessus et nous dirigerons votre demande vers une personne appropriée.

The publication of this notice was authorized by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice

(PLEASE CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE)

I believe that **I am / the organization that I represent is** a member of the Class in the Action.

I believe that **I am not / the organization that I represent is not** amongst the persons and entities excluded from the Action.

I understand that by opting out of the Action, **I will not be eligible / the organization that I represent will not be eligible** for any benefit that may be available to the Class upon resolution of this matter, if and when such resolution may occur.

I, _____ (print your full name), **OPT OUT FROM THE ACTION** and wish to be excluded from this class action.

I wish to opt out from this class action for the following reason(s) (*optional*):

I, _____ (print your full name), **CERTIFY** that the information provided herein is complete and true.

Date

Signature

In order to validly opt out, you must complete and send this Supplemental Opt-Out Form by no later than December 8, 2024 to:

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