

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

If you participated in the Waters Employee Investment Plan (the “Plan”) at any time from July 7, 2017 to October 23, 2024, you are part of a class action settlement.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY

THIS NOTICE RELATES TO THE PENDENCY OF A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AND, IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER, CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS TO OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT

*A Federal Court authorized this notice. You are not being sued.
This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

- A Settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit against Waters Corporation, Waters Technologies Corporation (together with Waters Corporation, “Waters”), the Board of Directors of Waters Technologies Corporation, and the Employee Benefits Administrative Committee of Waters Technologies Corporation (together, “Defendants”). The class action lawsuit involves whether or not Defendants violated their fiduciary duties under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”) in managing the Plan. Defendants deny all claims, and nothing in the Settlement is an admission or concession on Defendants’ part of any fault or liability whatsoever.
- You are included as a Class Member if you participated in the Plan at any time from July 7, 2017 to October 23, 2024 (the “Class Period”).
- The terms and conditions of the Settlement are set forth in the Settlement Agreement dated September 30, 2024, and are summarized below. Capitalized terms used in this Notice but not defined in this Notice have the meanings assigned to them in the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement is available at www.WatersCorporationERISASettlement.com. Certain other documents will also be posted on that website. You should visit that website if you would like more information about the Settlement or the lawsuit. All papers filed in this lawsuit are also available for review via the Public Access to Court Electronic Records System (PACER), at <http://www.pacer.gov>.
- Under the Settlement, Waters has agreed to pay \$800,000.00 into a settlement fund. Class Members are eligible to receive a *pro rata* share of the amount of the settlement fund remaining after payment of Settlement Administrative Expenses, any Attorneys’ Fees and Costs that the Court awards to Class Counsel, and any Service Awards that the Court awards to the Named Plaintiff. The amount of each Class member’s payment is based on a Plan of Allocation that takes into account each Class Member’s account balances over the period of July 7, 2017 through June 30, 2024, as well as the Plan investment options each Class Member invested in over the period of July 7, 2017 through February 4, 2022. **Payments to Class Members who had a Plan account with a balance greater than \$0.00 as of October 23, 2024 (referred to herein as “Participant Class Members”) will be deposited into their respective Plan accounts.** Payments to Former Participant Class Members who no longer have an account balance above \$0.00 will be made directly by check, unless the Former Participant Class Member elects to receive their payment through a rollover to a qualified retirement account or the Former Participant Class Member’s Final Entitlement Amount is less than \$10.00. Participant Class Members who are determined to no longer have a Plan account with a balance greater than \$0.00 as of the date of their Settlement payments will be treated as Former Participant Class Members and will receive an allocation by check.

- Please read this notice carefully. Your rights and the choices available to you — and the applicable deadlines to act — are explained in this Notice. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not. Please note that neither Waters nor any Waters affiliate nor any employees or representatives of Waters or a Waters affiliate may advise you as to what the best choice is for you or how you should proceed.
- The Court still has to decide whether to give its Final Approval to the Settlement. A Fairness Hearing has been scheduled for April 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. before the Court in courtroom 20 of the John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, Massachusetts. Payments under the Settlement will be made only if the Court finally approves the Settlement and that Final Approval is upheld in the event of any appeal.

THIS TABLE CONTAINS A SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT	
DO NOTHING	<u>Our records indicate that you are a Participant Class Member.</u> You do not need to do anything to receive your settlement payment. You will get a share of the Settlement benefits to which you are entitled and will give up your rights to sue Defendants about the allegations in this case.
OBJECT BY MARCH 6, 2025	If you wish to object to any part of the Settlement, you must write to Class Counsel and Defendants’ Counsel (as identified on Question 15) to explain why you object.
ATTEND A HEARING	You may also attend the Fairness Hearing and speak at the Fairness Hearing on April 3, 2025. You may attend the hearing and speak at the hearing without filing a notice of your intention to appear, but you will not be permitted to make an objection if you do not comply with the requirements for making objections.
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM <u>IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE A FORMER PARTICIPANT CLASS MEMBER AND DESIRE A ROLLOVER</u>	If you believe our records are inaccurate, and you are a “ Former Participant Class Member ” who did not have a Plan account balance greater than \$0.00 on October 23, 2024, or are a Beneficiary or Alternate Payee of such a Participant, you can elect to receive your payment through a rollover to a qualified retirement account. If you are a Former Participant Class Member and would prefer to receive your settlement payment through a rollover to a qualified retirement account, you must complete, sign, and mail a Former Participant Rollover Form by March 20, 2025. If you believe you are a Former Participant Class Member, a Former Participant Rollover Form may be obtained by calling the Settlement Administrator at 1- 888-683-6946 or by accessing www.WatersCorporationERISAsettlement.com . Former Plan participants who fail to complete, sign, and mail their Former Participant Rollover Form will receive their Settlement distribution by check. Regardless of whether you submit a claim form, you will give up your rights to sue Defendants about the allegations in this case.

BASIC INFORMATION

1. What is this notice and why should I read it?

A court authorized this notice to let you know about a proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit called *Daggett, et al. v. Waters Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-11527 (D. Mass.), (the “Action”), brought on behalf of the Class Members and the Plan, and pending in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. This notice describes the Settlement. Please read this notice carefully. Your rights and options—**and the deadlines to exercise them**—are explained in this notice. Please understand that if you are a Class Member, your legal rights are affected regardless of whether you act.

2. What is a class action lawsuit?

A class action is a lawsuit in which one or more plaintiffs—in this case, one former Plan participant (the “Named Plaintiff”)—sue on behalf of a group of people who allegedly have similar claims. After the Parties reached an agreement to settle this case, the Court granted preliminary approval of the Settlement. Among other things, this preliminary approval permits Class Members to voice their support of or opposition to the Settlement before the Court makes a final determination as whether to approve the Settlement. In a class action, the Court resolves the issues for all class members.

THE CLAIMS IN THE LAWSUIT AND THE SETTLEMENT

3. What is this lawsuit about?

The Named Plaintiff, suing individually and on behalf of the Class and Plan (the “Plaintiffs”), allege that Defendants breached their fiduciary duties under ERISA by including underperforming investment options in the Plan, failing to adequately monitor the fees and performance of those funds, and failing to adequately monitor fees paid to the Plan’s recordkeeper. A more complete description of what Plaintiffs allege is in the Amended Complaint, which is available on the Settlement Website at www.WatersCorporationERISASettlement.com.

Defendants deny all claims of wrongdoing or liability against them and assert that they have always acted prudently and in the best interests of Plan participants and beneficiaries. Defendants are settling the Action solely to avoid the expense, inconvenience, and disruption of litigation, without admitting the allegations of breach and damage contained in the Amended Complaint.

4. Why is there a Settlement?

The Named Plaintiff filed this Action on July 7, 2023. After Defendants moved to dismiss the Action in September 2023, Plaintiffs filed an Amended Complaint on October 12, 2023 to which Defendants moved to dismiss in November 2023. The Court denied Defendants’ motion in April 2024. The Parties have exchanged initial discovery. Instead of continuing Plaintiffs’ case against the Defendants, both sides agreed to a Settlement. That way, both sides avoided the cost and risk of additional court proceedings, and the affected Class Members will receive benefits that they would not have received if the Named Plaintiff had litigated the remaining issues and lost, or had lost on appeal. The Named Plaintiff and his attorneys believe the Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members. Nothing in the Settlement Agreement is an admission or concession on Defendants’ part of any fault, liability or damages whatsoever, but has been entered into to avoid the uncertainty, expense, and burden of additional litigation.

WHO'S INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?

5. How do I know if I am a Class Member and included in the Settlement?

The Court decided that everyone who fits this description is a member of the **Class**:

All participants in and beneficiaries of the Waters Employee Investment Plan (excluding the Defendants or any participant/beneficiary who served on the Fiduciary Committees) beginning July 7, 2017, and running through October 23, 2024.

If you meet the definition above, you are a member of the Class.

THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

6. What does the Settlement provide?

Waters has agreed to pay \$800,000 into a Qualified Settlement Fund to resolve the claims of Class Members. The Net Settlement Amount (after deduction of any Court-approved expenses associated with administering the Settlement, Attorneys' Fees and Costs, and Service Award to the Named Plaintiff) will be allocated to Class Members according to the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Settlement Agreement. Under the Plan of Allocation, monies will be distributed to Participant Class Members and Former Participant Class Members *pro rata* based on (i) their account balance for the period July 7, 2017 through June 30, 2024, and (ii) whether they invested in the Fidelity Freedom Funds through the Plan during the period July 7, 2017 through February 4, 2022.

All Class Members and anyone claiming through them will fully release the Plan as well as Defendants, Individual Fiduciary Committee Members, Individual Board Members, and the Released Parties from Plaintiffs' Released Claims. The Released Parties include, but are not limited to, Defendants' past, present, and future parent corporation(s), subsidiaries, divisions, joint ventures, predecessors, successors, successors-in-interest, and assigns, and any individual, partnership, corporation, or any other form of entity or organization that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with any of the foregoing. The Plaintiffs' Released Claims include, but are not limited to, all claims that were asserted in the Action or could have been asserted in the Action based on any of the allegations, acts, omissions, purported conflicts, representations, misrepresentations, facts, events, matters, transactions, or occurrences asserted in the Action, whether or not pleaded in the Complaints. The Plaintiffs' Released Claims also include those that relate to the direction to calculate, the calculation of, and/or the method or manner of allocation of the Net Settlement Fund pursuant to the Plan of Allocation and/or that relate to the approval by the Independent Fiduciary of the Settlement Agreement, unless brought against the Independent Fiduciary alone.

This is *only* a summary of the Released Parties and Plaintiffs' Released Claims, and is not a binding description of either. The governing releases are found within the Settlement Agreement at www.WatersCorporationERISAsettlement.com. Generally, the release means that Class Members will not have the right to sue the Plan, Defendants, or related parties for conduct during the Class Period arising out of or relating to the allegations in the lawsuit. The entire Settlement Agreement is available at www.WatersCorporationERISAsettlement.com.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS

7. How do I get benefits?

Class Members do not have to submit claim forms in order to receive settlement benefits.

According to our records, you are a Current Participant in the Plan. The benefits of the Settlement will be distributed automatically once the Court approves the Settlement to Participant Class Members' Plan accounts.

If, however, you are a Former Participant Class Member who did not have a Plan account balance greater than \$0.00 on October 23, 2024, or are a Beneficiary or Alternate Payee of such a Participant, you can elect to receive your payment through a rollover to a qualified retirement account. If you are a Former Participant Class Member and would prefer to receive your settlement payment through a rollover to a qualified retirement account, you must complete, sign, and mail a Former Participant Rollover Form by March 20, 2025. If you believe you are a Former Participant Class Member, a Former Participant Rollover Form may be obtained by calling the Settlement Administrator at 1-888-683-6946 or by accessing www.WatersCorporationERISASettlement.com. Former Plan participants who fail to complete, sign, and mail their Former Participant Rollover Form will receive their Settlement distribution by check. Participant Class Members who are determined to no longer have a Plan account with a balance greater than \$0.00 as of the date of their Settlement payments will be treated as Former Participant Class Members and will receive an allocation by check.

8. When will I get my payment?

Participant Class Members (or Beneficiaries or Alternate Payees of such participants) will receive their *pro rata* share of the \$800,000 in the form of a deposit into their Plan account effective no later than sixty (60) days after the Settlement has received final approval and becomes effective. The hearing to consider the final fairness of the Settlement is scheduled for April 3, 2025. Any Alternate Payees of Participant Class Members will also receive their payment within 60 days, in accordance with the terms of their Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

All checks not cashed within 120 days after they are issued will expire and become void.

Payments made by check may have certain tax consequences; you should consult your tax advisor.

There will be no payments under the Settlement if the Settlement Agreement is terminated.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

9. Who represents the Class Members?

For purposes of the Settlement, the Court has appointed lawyers from the law firms of Walcheski & Luzi, LLC and Jonathan M. Feigenbaum, Esq. as Class Counsel. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. In addition, the Court appointed Named Plaintiff David Daggett to serve as the Class representative. He is also a Class Member.

Subject to approval by the Court, Class Counsel has proposed that up to \$7,500 may be paid to the Named Plaintiff as the Class representative in recognition of the time and effort he expended on behalf of the Class. The Court will determine the proper amount of any award to the Named Plaintiff. The Court may award less than that amount.

10. How will the lawyers be paid?

From the beginning of the case, which was filed in July 7, 2023, to the present, Class Counsel have not received any payment for their services in prosecuting the case or obtaining the Settlement, nor have they been reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses they have incurred. Class Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of reasonable attorneys' fees (not to exceed one-third of the settlement fund), plus their costs and Settlement Administrative Expenses. Defendants have agreed not to object to such an application. The Court will determine the proper amount of any Attorneys' Fees and Costs to award Class Counsel.

Any Attorneys' Fees and Costs awarded by the Court will be paid to Class Counsel from the settlement fund. Class Counsel will file a motion for an award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs, Settlement Administrative Expenses, and Class Representative's Compensation at least 14 days prior to the objection deadline. This motion will be considered at the Fairness Hearing. Class Counsel also will seek to recover all actual and anticipated litigation costs and administrative expenses associated with the Settlement. The Class Members will not have to pay anything out-of-pocket toward the fees or costs of Class Counsel.

YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

11. What is the effect of final approval of the Settlement?

If the Court grants Final Approval of the Settlement, a final order and judgment dismissing the case will be entered in the Action. Payments under the Settlement will then be processed and distributed. The release by Class Members will also take effect. No Class Member will be permitted to continue to assert Plaintiffs' Released Claims in any other litigation against Defendants or the other persons and entities covered by the release, as described in Question No. 6.

If you object to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, you may notify the Court of your objection. (See Table on page 2 of this Notice.) If the Settlement is not approved, the case will proceed as if no settlement had been attempted or reached. If the Settlement is not approved and the case resumes, there is no guarantee that Class Members will recover more than is provided for under the Settlement, or anything at all.

12. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, and the Settlement is approved, you will release any claims you may have against Defendants, Individual Fiduciary Committee Members, Individual Board Members, or the Released Parties concerning the conduct Plaintiffs allege in their complaints. (See Question No. 6.) You may also receive a payment as described in Question No. 6.

13. How do I get out of the Settlement?

If the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by it and will receive whatever benefits you are entitled to under its terms. You cannot exclude yourself from the Settlement, but you may notify the Court of your objection to the Settlement. (See Question No. 15.) If the Court approves the Settlement, it will do so under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(1), which does not permit Class Members to opt out of the Class.

14. Can I sue Waters for the same claims later?

No. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will have given up any right to sue Waters or any of the Released Parties for the Plaintiffs' Released Claims.

15. How do I object to the Settlement?

You can object to the Settlement if you don't like any part of it. If you object, you must give the reasons why you think the Court should not approve the Settlement. The Court will consider your views. Your objection to the Settlement must be postmarked no later than March 6, 2025, and must be sent to the attorneys for the Parties at the addresses below:

Class Counsel	Defendant's Counsel
Paul M. Secunda WALCHESKE & LUZI, LLC 235 N. Executive Drive, Suite 240 Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005	Alison Douglass GOODWIN PROCTER LLP 100 Northern Avenue Boston, Massachusetts 02110

The objection must be in writing and should include the case name *Daggett, et al. v. Waters Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-11527; as well as include your (a) name; (b) address; (c) a statement that you are a member of the Settlement Class; (d) the specific grounds for the objection (including all arguments, citations, and evidence supporting the objection); (e) all documents or writings that you desire the Court to consider (including all copies of any documents relied upon in the objection); (f) your signature; and (g) a notice of intention to appear at the Fairness

Hearing (if applicable). (If you are represented by counsel, you or your counsel must file your objection through the Court's CM/ECF system.) The Court will consider all properly filed comments from Class Members. If you wish to appear and be heard at the Fairness Hearing in addition to submitting a written objection to the Settlement, you or your attorney should say so in your written objection.

Class Counsel will file with the Court their request for Attorneys' Fees and Costs, Settlement Administrative Expenses, and Service Award to the Named Plaintiff at least two weeks prior to March 6, 2025, and post it on the Settlement Website.

THE COURT'S FAIRNESS HEARING

16. When and where will the Court hold a hearing on the fairness of the Settlement?

A Fairness Hearing has been set for April 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., before The Honorable Myong J. Joun at the Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, Massachusetts 02210 in Courtroom 20. At the hearing, the Court will hear any comments, objections, and arguments concerning the fairness of the proposed Settlement, including the amount requested by Class Counsel for Attorneys' Fees and Costs, Settlement Administrative Expenses, and the Service Award to the Named Plaintiff as the Class representative. You do not need to attend this hearing. You also do not need to attend to have an objection considered by the Court. (See Question No. 15.)

Note: The date and time of the Fairness Hearing are subject to change by Court Order, but any changes will be posted at www.WatersCorporationERISAsettlement.com.

17. Do I have to come to the Fairness Hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. But you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you don't have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as any written objection you choose to make was filed and mailed on time and meets the other criteria described in the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court will consider it. You may also pay another lawyer to attend, but you don't have to.

18. May I speak at the hearing?

You may ask the Court for permission to speak at the hearing concerning any part of the proposed Settlement by following the instructions in Question No. 15 above.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

19. Where can I get additional information?

This notice provides only a summary of the matters relating to the Settlement. For more detailed information, you may wish to review the Settlement Agreement. You can view the Settlement Agreement and get more information at www.WatersCorporationERISAsettlement.com. You can also get more information by writing to the Settlement Administrator at Waters Employee Investment Plan Settlement Administrator, P.O. Box 2005, Chanhassen, MN 55317-2005, or calling toll-free 1- 888-683-6946.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT, THE JUDGE, OR WATERS WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.