

Class Action Summary

Silver Commodities Canada
Antitrust Class Action Settlement

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If you or your entity transacted in Silver Market Instruments in whole or in part in Canada from **January 1, 1999 through August 14, 2014**, you may be entitled to participate in the **\$2,121,939.05 (CDN)** recovered ***thus far*** in class action settlements.

Filing Deadline: No Claim Forms are available at this time; the Court will determine the deadline at a later date.

Eligible Class Members: All persons or entities who or which, from January 1, 1999 through August 14, 2014, transacted in a "Silver Market Instrument" (defined below) in whole or in part in Canada, either directly or indirectly through an intermediary, and/or purchased or otherwise participated in an investment or equity fund, mutual fund, hedge fund, pension fund or any other investment vehicle that transacted in a Silver Market Instrument. Investment Vehicles means any investment company or pooled investment fund, including, but not limited to, mutual fund families, exchange-traded funds, fund of funds and hedge funds, in which a Defendant has or may have a direct or indirect interest, or as to which its affiliates may act as an investment advisor, but of which a Defendant or its respective affiliates is not a majority owner or does not hold a majority beneficial interest.

Definition of "Silver Market Instruments": A Silver Market Instrument includes silver bullion or silver bullion coins, silver futures contracts traded on an exchange operated in Canada, shares in silver ETFs, silver call options traded on an exchange operated in Canada, silver put options traded on an exchange operated in Canada, over-the-counter silver spot or forward transactions or silver call options, over-the-counter silver put options, leases for silver, and silver certificates.

Defendants: The Defendants include: 1) Deutsche Bank AG, Deutsche Bank Securities Limited and Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc. (collectively, "**Deutsche**"); and 2) the "Non-Settling Defendants" including a) Barclays Bank PLC, Barclays Capital Canada Inc., Barclays Capital Inc., Barclay Capital PLC and Barclays PLC; b) The Bank of Nova Scotia; c) Banque UBS (Canada); d) HSBC Bank Canada, Banque HSBC Canada, HSBC Bank PLC, HSBC Holdings PLC, HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. and HSBC USA Inc.; e) La Banque de Nouvelle-Ecosse; f) London Silver Market Fixing Ltd.; g) Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. and ScotiaMocatta; h) SG Americas Securities, LLC, Société Générale, Société Générale SA and Société Générale (Canada); and i) UBS AG, UBS Bank (Canada) and UBS Securities LLC.

Case History: In or about 2016, civil claims were filed in Canada alleging the Defendants participated in a conspiracy to fix, maintain, increase, decrease, control and/or unreasonably enhance the price of silver in the silver market. At this time, the class has entered into a settlement with Deutsche in the amount of \$2,121,939.05 (CDN). This settlement is pending Court approval and a distribution protocol will also be submitted for Court approval at a later date. The litigation is currently ongoing against the Non-Settling Defendants and it is possible that additional funds may become available to the class if any additional settlements are reached. The settlement funds (less any fees, expenses or government taxes) will be distributed to the class at a later date if the settlement and distribution protocol is granted Court approval and once a claims process is completed.

Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator may be contacted for additional settlement information.
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