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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

HUGO MALDONADO, as an individual and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HILTON GRAND VACATIONS INC., a Delaware corporation; HILTON RESORTS CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; MARBRISA CARLSBAD RESORT, a California entity; and Does 1 through 20, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 25CU029217C

Assigned to the Hon. Marcella O. McLaughlin

~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Date: September 18, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept.: C-72

Action Filed: June 2, 2025
Trial Date: November 6, 2026

Plaintiff Hugo Maldonado's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement (the "Motion") came on regularly for hearing before this Court on September 18, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. The Court, having considered the proposed Settlement and Notices; the Motion, memorandum of points and authorities in support thereof; and supporting declarations filed therewith; and any argument presented at the hearing on the Motion; and good cause appearing, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Court GRANTS preliminary approval of the class action settlement as set forth in the Settlement and finds its terms to be within the range of reasonableness of a settlement that ultimately could be granted final approval by the Court at a final Fairness Hearing. For purposes of the Settlement only, the Court finds that the proposed Class is ascertainable and that there is a sufficiently well-defined community of interest among the members of the Class in questions of law and fact. Therefore, for settlement purposes only, the Court grants conditional certification of the following Class:

> All persons who purchased a hotel room at MarBrisa through the website www.marbrisacarlsbad.com within the time period spanning June 3, 2021 to June 17, 2025 and were charged any fee(s) that were allegedly not displayed in the advertised price at the time of purchase, including but not limited to Parking Fees (the "Class"). Excluded from this Class definition are all employees, officers, or agents of Defendants. Also excluded from this Class definition are all judicial officers assigned to this case as well as their staff and immediate families.

2. For purposes of the Settlement, the Court designates Plaintiff as Class Representative, and designates Paul K. Haines of Haines Law Group, APC, and Jack Day and Calvin Bryne of Day Bryne & McIntosh as Class Counsel.

3. The Court designates Apex Class Action LLC as the third-party Settlement Administrator for providing Notice, exclusions, objections, payment elections, and settlement administration.

4. The Court approves, as to form and content, the Notices and Payment Election Form, attached as Exhibits 1, 2, 3, and 4 to the Settlement.

5. The Court finds that the proposed form of notice to the Class regarding the pendency of this litigation and of the Settlement, and the proposed method of giving notice to the Settlement Class, constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constitute valid, due, and sufficient notice to all Class Members. The proposed form and method of giving notice complies fully with the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure section 382, California Civil Code section 1781, California Rules of Court 3.766 and 3.769, the California and United States Constitutions, and other applicable law.

6. The Court further approves the procedures for the Class Members to opt out, elect to receive payment, or object to the Settlement, as set forth in the Notices.

7. The procedures and requirements for submitting objections in connection with the final Fairness Hearing are intended to ensure the efficient administration of justice and the orderly presentation of any Class Member's objection to the Settlement, in accordance with the due process rights of all Settlement Class Members.

8. The Court directs the Settlement Administrator to disseminate the Notices to Class Members in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.

9. The final Fairness Hearing on the question of whether the Settlement should be finally approved is scheduled in Department C-72 of this Court, located at 330 W. Broadway, San Diego, California 92101 on FEB. 19, 2027 at 9:30 a.m.

10. At the final Fairness Hearing, the Court will consider (a) whether the Settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate for the Settlement Class; (b) whether a judgment granting final approval of the Settlement should be entered; and (c) whether Plaintiff's application for reasonable attorney's fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, Plaintiff's service award, and settlement administration costs should be granted.

11. Counsel for the Parties shall file memoranda, declarations, or other statements and materials in support of their request for final approval of the Settlement, attorney's fees, litigation expenses, Plaintiff award, and settlement administration costs prior to the final Fairness Hearing according to the time limits set by the Code of Civil Procedure and the California Rules of Court.

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12. An implementation schedule is below:

Event	**Date**
Defendant to Provide Settlement Administrator and with information on Class Members	Within 10 calendar days of entry of Preliminary Approval Order
Notice Date – Settlement Administrator to transmit Email Notice and publish Website Notice	30 calendar days after Preliminary Approval Order
Objection and Opt-Out Deadline	60 calendar days after Notice Date
Deadline to submit Payment Election Form	90 calendar days after Notice Date
Fairness Hearing	_____, 2027 at 9:30 a.m.

13. Pending the final Fairness Hearing, all proceedings in this litigation, other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Settlement and this Order, are stayed.

14. Counsel for the Parties are hereby authorized to utilize all reasonable procedures in connection with the administration of the Settlement which are not materially inconsistent with either this Order or the terms of the Settlement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: Sept. 18, 2026

Hon. Marcella O. McLaughlin
Judge of the Superior Court