UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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CLERAL LINEST, CT.
S.D. OF FLORIDA

Plaintiff,

V.

GLOBAL CURRENCY MANAGEMENT, INC. and
ANTHONY BALDWIN,

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER RELIEF

Plaintiff, Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), alleges as follows:

Defendants.

1. The SEC brings this action for injunctive and other relief to prevent Defendants Global Currency Management, Inc. ("GCM") and Anthony Baldwin ("Baldwin") from continuing to violate the federal securities laws they violated in connection with the offer, purchase and sale of securities in GCM's foreign currency trading program. Between approximately June 1997 and March 1999, Baldwin and GCM raised over \$1 million from investors by making fraudulent claims. Baldwin and GCM falsely described GCM's trading program as safe and profitable, and made false claims about Baldwin's experience and acclaim as a trader, in unsolicited telephone calls to potential investors and in promotional material and in account statements Baldwin prepared.

THE DEFENDANTS

- 2. Defendant GCM was incorporated in Florida in December 1996. During the time of the events complained of herein, GCM was registered with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, with a registered office at Baldwin's home in Miami, Florida. Also during the time of the acts complained of herein, GCM sent investors documents with an address that is a mailbox drop at a private mailbox company in Miami.
- 3. Defendant Baldwin is GCM's president, and GCM told investors that he is GCM's chief trader. Baldwin was previously associated with International Capital Management, Inc., which was the subject of an emergency injunctive action filed by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in September 1998. During the time of the events complained of herein, Baldwin resided in Miami, Florida.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 20(b), 20(d) and 22(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), 77t(d) and 77v(a), and Sections 21(d), 21(e), and 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), 78u(e) and 78aa.
- 5. Certain of the acts and transactions constituting violations of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act have occurred within the Southern District of Florida. The principal office of GCM was located within the Southern District of Florida. During the events described in this complaint, Baldwin resided in the Southern District of Florida.

6. GCM and Baldwin, directly and indirectly, have made use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, the means and instruments of transportation and communication in interstate commerce, and the mails, in connection with the acts, practices, and courses of business complained of herein.

FACTS

- 7. Between approximately June 1997 and March 1999, GCM and Baldwin, with the assistance of telemarketers, sold over \$1 million of investment contracts to members of the general public. At Baldwin's instruction, the telemarketers made unsolicited telephone calls to potential investors. Interested investors were then mailed a sales brochure, prepared by Baldwin, containing representations regarding GCM and Baldwin. The telemarketers, as instructed by Baldwin, told investors that Baldwin, as GCM's president and chief trader, would pool their money and then trade the money in the foreign currency exchange market.
- 8. Investors signed an account agreement with GCM, which informed them that their funds would be credited to the trading account of GCM. In late 1997 and early 1998, investors received monthly account statements on GCM letterhead purporting to advise them of the status of their investment. These statements consistently represented that their investment was earning very profitable returns. In fact, their investments were suffering devastating losses. In the summer of 1998, Baldwin admitted to some GCM investors that their investments had not only not earned a profit, but that their entire invested principal was gone.
- 9. In at least one instance, Baldwin forged the letterhead of a foreign currency brokerage and created and sent to a GCM investor an account statement showing that his trading

account was safe and generating a profit. In fact, the investor had no account with the brokerage whose letterhead Baldwin had forged. Furthermore, Baldwin subsequently admitted that the investor's principal was gone. At about this time Baldwin and GCM vacated their office.

- 10. In the fall of 1998 Baldwin and GCM relocated their office, hired a small sales staff, and opened an account with a foreign currency trading brokerage. From the fall of 1998 through early 1999, Baldwin's sales staff, at Baldwin's direction and with the aid of a script Baldwin prepared, made material misrepresentations in unsolicited phone calls to potential investors. Specifically, GCM told investors and potential investors that Baldwin had earned, through trading GCM investors' funds, returns in excess of 5% per month, and 60% per year, and that Baldwin was consistent and conservative in his trading. In fact, by this time Baldwin's trading had already led to a virtually total loss of GCM's prior investors' funds. Baldwin knew that his sales force was reciting these statements to potential investors, and he knew that the statements were false.
- 11. After receiving an indication of interest from a prospective investor, the GCM salesperson gave the name and address of the prospect to Baldwin, who personally mailed to the prospective investor a GCM information packet. These packets, prepared by Baldwin, contained materially false and misleading information, including the misrepresentations described below.
- Baldwin's GCM trading record as "profitable." These documents included a monthly "track record" for the period January 1997 to December 1998, showing an average monthly return of 4.8%, ranging as high as 9.18% per month, and representing that only two months showed a

negative return (averaging -2.3% for those two months). In fact, at the time of these mailings, prior investors in GCM had lost their entire investment in GCM.

- 13. In his cover letter accompanying GCM's brochure and account agreement, Baldwin falsely claimed that GCM accounts with values in excess of \$25,000 were protected by underwriting insurance "similar to FDIC insurance."
- 14. GCM's promotional material featured an alleged excerpt from a newspaper containing the following plaudit: "Tony has developed a reputation as one of the foremost currency traders -- with an amazing track record in excess of 5% average net monthly returns in the Foreign Exchange Market (FOREX)." The quoted plaudit, however, had never appeared in the newspaper.
- 15. Between approximately June 1997 and March 1999, investors invested more than \$1 million in GCM. Baldwin used some of those investor funds to pay his personal expenses.

COUNT I

FRAUD IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 17(a)(1) OF THE SECURITIES ACT

- 17. The SEC incorporates and realleges herein paragraphs 1 through 15 of this Complaint.
- 18. Since a date unknown but since at least June 1997 to approximately March, 1999, Defendants GCM and Baldwin, directly and indirectly, by use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce and by use of the mails, in the offer or sale of securities, as described herein, have been, knowingly, willfully or recklessly employing devices, schemes or artifices to defraud.

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19. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants GCM and Baldwin, directly and indirectly, have violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate Section 17(a)(1) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1).

COUNT II

FRAUD IN VIOLATION OF SECTIONS 17(a)(2) AND 17(a)(3) OF THE SECURITIES ACT

- 20. The SEC incorporates and realleges herein paragraphs 1 through 15 of this Complaint.
- 21. Since a date unknown but since at least June 1997 to approximately March 1999, Defendants GCM and Baldwin, directly and indirectly, by use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce and by the use of the mails, in the offer or sale of securities, as described herein, have been: (i) obtaining money or property by means of untrue statements of material facts and omissions to state material facts necessary to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (ii) engaging in transactions, practices and courses of business which are now operating and will operate as a fraud or deceit upon purchasers and prospective purchasers of such securities.
- 22. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants GCM and Baldwin, directly and indirectly, have violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate Sections 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77(q)(a)(2) and 77(q)(a)(3).

COUNT III

FRAUD IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 10(b) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT AND RULE 10b-5

- 23. The SEC incorporates and realleges herein paragraphs 1 through 15 of this Complaint.
- 24. Since a date unknown but since at least June 1997 through approximately March 1999, Defendants GCM and Baldwin, directly and indirectly, by use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, and of the mails, and of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of the securities, as described herein, have been, knowingly, willfully or recklessly: (i) employing devices, schemes or artifices to defraud; (ii) making untrue statements of material facts and omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and (iii) engaging in acts, practices and courses of business which have operated, and will operate as a fraud upon the purchasers of such securities.
- 25. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants GCM and Baldwin, directly or indirectly, have violated and, unless enjoined, will continue to violate Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5, 17 C.F.R. § 240. 10b-5, thereunder.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, the SEC respectfully requests that the Court:

I.

Declaratory Relief

- (a) Declare, determine and find that Defendants GCM and Baldwin have committed the violations of the federal securities laws alleged herein; and
- (b) Declare, determine and find that Defendants GCM and Baldwin received illgotten gains through their violations of the federal securities laws, as described herein.

II.

Permanent Injunctive Relief

Issue a Permanent Injunction, restraining and enjoining Defendants GCM and Baldwin from violating:

- 1) Section 17(a)(1) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(1);
- 2) Sections 17(a)(2) and (3) of the Securities Act, §§ 77q(a)(2) and (3); and
- 3) Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5, thereunder.

III.

Accounting and Disgorgement

Issue an Order requiring an accounting by Defendants GCM and Baldwin of all proceeds and benefits received by them, directly or indirectly, pursuant to the misconduct described in this Complaint, and awarding disgorgement, jointly and severally, against the Defendants, in an

amount to be determined by the Court, of all ill-gotten gains that they received as a result of the acts and/or courses of conduct complained of herein in violation of Section 17 of the Securities Act and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, with prejudgment interest.

IV.

Civil Money Penalties

Issue an Order directing Defendants GCM and Baldwin to pay civil fines and/or penalties pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77t(d), and Section 21(d) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78(d)(3).

VI.

Further Relief

Grant such other and further relief as may be necessary and appropriate.

VII.

Retention of Jurisdiction

Further, the SEC respectfully requests that the Court retain jurisdiction over this action in order to implement and carry out the terms of all orders and decrees that may hereby be entered,

or to entertain any suitable application or motion by the SEC for additional relief within the jurisdiction of this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE: September 29, 1999

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