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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

BUCKEYE TREE LODGE AND SEQUOIA VILLAGE INN, LLC, a California limited liability company, 2020 O STREET CORPORATION, INC, D/B/A THE MANSION ON O STREET, PROSPECT HISTORIC HOTEL, and SHILOH MORNING INN, LLC, a Oklahoma limited liability company, individually and on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

EXPEDIA, INC., a Washington corporation; HOTELS.COM, L.P., a Texas limited partnership; HOTELS.COM GP, LLC, a Texas limited liability company; ORBITZ, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:16-cv-04721-VC

**CLASS ACTION**

**AMENDED [~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, AND INCENTIVE AWARDS**

Date: March 25, 2021  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Courtroom: 4, 17th Floor  
Judge: Hon. Vince Chhabria

**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

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2 Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Approval of Class Action Settlement came on for regularly  
3 scheduled hearing before this Court as noticed. Having considered the Parties' briefs, supporting  
4 evidence, and other documents, and good cause having been shown, the Court hereby **ORDERS** as  
5 follows:

6 1. The Court confirms its certification of the Rule 23(b)(2) class and its finding that the  
7 requirements of numerosity, commonality, typicality, and adequacy had been established for a California  
8 Rule 23(b)(2) class; that the California class was ascertainable; and that questions of law and fact common to  
9 all Class Members predominated over questions affecting only individual members.

10 2. The Court confirms the appointment of the law firms Patterson Law Group, APC, Cuneo  
11 Gilbert & LaDuca, LLP, Pratt & Associates, and Richa Law Group, P.C. as Class Counsel.

12 3. The Court confirms the appointment of David Pfau, Ted Spero, Dennis Villavicencio, and  
13 Fred Wickman as Class Representatives.

14 4. The class action settlement is approved. It is fair, adequate, and reasonable, and it meets  
15 the requirements of Rule 23(e)(2) and the standards set by the Ninth Circuit in *Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp.*,  
16 150 F.3d 1011, 1026 (9th Cir. 1998) and its progeny. Specifically, the Court finds that the following  
17 relevant factors weigh in favor of approval: (1) the strength of the plaintiffs' case; (2) the risk, expense,  
18 complexity, and likely duration of further litigation; (3) the risk of maintaining class action status  
19 throughout the trial; (4) ~~the amount offered in settlement~~; (5) the extent of discovery completed and the  
20 stage of the proceedings; and (6) the experience and views of counsel.

21 5. Notice is not required for this Rule 23(b)(2) class. The terms of the Settlement provide for  
22 injunctive relief only and specifically preserve the Class Members' rights to bring claims for monetary  
23 damages of any kind. Class Members do not have the right to opt out. As a result, notice is not required.  
24 *Moreno v. San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit Dist.*, No. 17-cv-02911-JSC, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS  
25 13309, 2019 WL 343472, at \*10 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 28, 2019); *Stathakos v. Columbia Sportswear Co.*, No.  
26 4:15-cv-04543-YGR, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17138, at \*9 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 25, 2018); *Lilly v. Jamba*  
27 *Juice Co.*, No. 13-CV-02998-JST, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 34498, 2015 WL 1248027, at \*25-26 (N.D.  
28 Cal. Mar. 18, 2015). And because notice is not required, neither is a preliminary approval hearing. *See*

1 *Stathakos*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17138, at \*15; *Lilly v. Jamba Juice Co.*, No. 13-CV-02998-JST, 2015  
2 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 58451, at \*11 (N.D. Cal. May 4, 2015); *Kim v. Space Pencil, Inc.*, No. C 11-037996  
3 LB, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 169922, 2012 WL 5948951, at \*17 (“[T]he reaction of class members is not  
4 relevant here because notice [is] not required under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e) and there is no  
5 binding effect on the Class nor is there a release being provided.”).

6 6. The Court enters the injunction as defined in the Parties’ settlement agreement as follows:

7 a. Expedia shall implement, within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Approval  
8 Order, the following injunctive relief:

9 i. Expedia shall use best efforts to ensure that properties with which Expedia  
10 does not have a contract and that have no relationship with a third party provider to the  
11 Websites (“class member properties”) do not appear in search results on the Websites with  
12 unavailability messaging or on a property details page with unavailability messaging.  
13 Recognizing that technology is evolving, best efforts may include steps currently taken by  
14 Expedia and those that have been implemented since the filing of this Action, such as  
15 contractually requiring third party providers to notify Expedia when a hotel terminates its  
16 relationship with that third party and using technological controls to prevent hotels from  
17 appearing in search results when third parties notify Expedia that a hotel has terminated its  
18 relationship with that third party. Nothing in this Paragraph <sup>6(a)(i)</sup>~~4(a)(i)~~ shall prevent Expedia  
19 from taking different or additional steps to ensure that class member properties do not  
20 appear in search results with unavailability messaging or on property details pages with  
21 unavailability messaging. To the extent that Expedia becomes aware that a class member  
22 property is appearing next to unavailability messaging, Expedia shall act promptly to  
23 remove that property from its Websites.

24 ii. Expedia shall remove from the Websites any property that terminates its  
25 contract with Expedia and that is not available to Expedia through a third party provider to  
26 the Websites.

1           iii.     Expedia shall use best efforts to ensure that search engine marketing,  
2 search engine optimization, and social media advertisements for the Websites do not  
3 identify by name class member properties that are not in and of themselves attractions.

4           iv.     To the extent it has not already done so, Expedia will notify all third party  
5 providers that when a hotel with which the third party has contracted terminates its  
6 agreement with that third party, the third party must provide accurate availability  
7 information to Expedia to allow it to remove the property from the Websites.

8           v.     Every six months, Expedia will perform an audit to confirm that a sample  
9 of hotels appearing on its websites are affiliated with Expedia through direct contracts or  
10 third party providers.

11           b.     The terms of this injunction shall be in effect for three (3) years from the Approval  
12 Date.

13           7.     The Court approves the stipulated Attorney's Fees and Costs award of \$2,100,000.

14           8.     The Court approves the stipulated Incentive Awards of \$12,500 for each of the four Class  
15 Representatives.

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17           **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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19           DATED: April 9, 2021

