



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1758/5/7/25 (T)

BETWEEN:

ROCCO FORTE & FAMILY (LONDON) LIMITED AND OTHERS

Claimants

- v -

(1) MASTERCARD INCORPORATED
(2) MASTERCARD INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED
(3) MASTERCARD EUROPE S.A.
(4) MASTERCARD/EUROPAY U.K. LIMITED

Defendants

(the “Proceedings”)

ORDER (LIFTING OF STAY)

UPON the Claim Form in the proceedings being issued in the High Court on 12 August 2025 (CL-2025-000371) (the “**Claim Form**”)

AND UPON the Order of the High Court sealed on 1 December 2025 transferring the proceedings from the High Court to the Competition Appeal Tribunal (the “**Transfer Order**”)

AND UPON the Umbrella Proceedings Order of the President dated 4 July 2022 in Case No 1517/11/7/22 (UM) Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings (the “**Merchant Umbrella Proceedings**”) designating various individual merchant interchange fee proceedings listed in the schedule to that order as “**Host Cases**” and designating all issues, matters or features arising out of the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings as Ubiquitous Matters (the “**Umbrella Proceedings Order**”)

AND UPON the Tribunal’s Order made and drawn on 16 March 2022 (the “**March 2022 Order**”) appended to the Tribunal’s Ruling of 16 March 2022 ([2022] CAT 14) and Rule 53(2)(k) of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015

AND UPON the Order of the President made on 23 December 2022 and drawn on 13 January 2023 (as amended by Orders of the Tribunal dated 10 May 2023 and 20 October 2023)

regarding the future conduct of the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings (the “**Future Conduct Order**”)

AND UPON the Judgment of the Tribunal in *Umbrella Interchange Fee Claimants v Umbrella Interchange Fee Defendants* [2025] CAT 37 (the “**Umbrella Interchange Fee Trial 1 Judgment**”)

AND UPON the Judgment of the Tribunal in *Umbrella Interchange Fee Claimants v Umbrella Interchange Fee Defendants* [2026] CAT 11 (the “**Umbrella Interchange Fee Trials 2A and 2B Judgment**”)

AND UPON the Tribunal’s Order made and drawn on 10 December 2025 (the “**10 December Order**”) staying the Proceedings by consent between the Claimants and the Defendants

AND UPON the Tribunal’s Reasoned Order made and drawn on 13 August 2026 (the “**13 August Order**”) adjourning the application by the Claimants dated 31 July 2026 for the Stay to be lifted for the purposes of Trial 3 of the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings

AND UPON considering the letter of 6 October from the Claimants’ solicitors seeking a lifting of the Stay (as defined in paragraph 2 of the 10 December Order) in the Proceedings and the accompanying draft order

AND UPON considering the letter of 8 October from the Mastercard Defendants’ solicitors consenting to the draft order

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Stay in the Proceedings shall be lifted with immediate effect for the purposes of Trial 4, and any subsequent trials listed to take place in the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings.
2. In accordance with the 13 August Order, the Stay shall remain in place in the Proceedings for the purposes of Trial 3, subject to any further order of the Tribunal.
3. Noting paragraph 3 of the 10 December Order, the Claimants shall be required to serve the Claim Form and Particulars of Claim within 12 weeks from the date of this Order.
4. There be liberty to apply.
5. Costs in the case.

Ben Tidswell

Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 12 October 2026

Drawn: 12 October 2026