

PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between plaintiffs Ariana Camacho and Fatima G. Sanchez (“Plaintiffs”) and defendants Twenty4Seven Hotels Corporation, T4S Management CA LLC, and David Wani (“Defendants”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiffs and Defendants collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. “Action” means the Plaintiffs’ lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendants captioned *Camacho, et al. v. Twenty4Seven Hotels Corporation, et al.* pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Sacramento, Case No. 34-2020-00278596.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means ILYM Group, Inc. the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employees” means all current and former non-exempt or hourly paid employees of Defendants that have worked for Defendants in the State of California at any time from January 24, 2019 through August 12, 2024.
- 1.5. “Aggrieved Employee Data” means Aggrieved Employees’ identifying information in Defendants possession including the Aggrieved Employee’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of PAGA Pay Periods and/or hire and termination dates.
- 1.6. “Aggrieved Employee Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Aggrieved Employee mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Aggrieved Employees.
- 1.7. “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento.
- 1.8. “Defense Counsel” means Kaufman Dolowich LLP.
- 1.9. “Effective Date” means the date the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Approving the PAGA Settlement.
- 1.10. “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$380,000.00 which is the total amount Defendants agree to pay under the Settlement. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administrator’s

Expenses Payment.

- 1.11. “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Pay Periods the Aggrieved Employee worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.12. “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.13. “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.14. “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.15. “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Enhancement Award to Plaintiffs, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Aggrieved Employees as Individual PAGA Payments.
- 1.16. “PAGA Counsel” means The Nourmand Law Firm, APC, Liberty Man Law, P.C., and Falakassa Law, P.C., the attorneys representing the Plaintiffs in the Action.
- 1.17. “PAGA Counsel Fees Payment” and “PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to PAGA Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.18. “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendants for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.19. “PAGA Period” means the period from January 24, 2019 through August 12, 2024.
- 1.20. “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).
- 1.21. “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiffs letter to Defendants and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.22. “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees and the 75% to LWDA in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.23. “PAGA Payment Letter” means a letter that the Settlement Administrator will send to each Aggrieved Employee with his or her Individual PAGA Payment, which explains the reason for the Individual PAGA Payment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, including any revisions required by the Court.

- 1.24. "Plaintiffs" means Ariana Camacho and Fatima G. Sanchez, the named plaintiffs in the Action.
- 1.25. "Approval Order" means the proposed Court Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.26. "Released PAGA Claims" means the claims being released by the Plaintiffs and as described in Paragraph 5 below.
- 1.27. "Released Parties" means: Defendants Twenty4Seven Hotels Corporation, T4S Management CA LLC, and David Wani. and any past and present owners, officers, directors, shareholders, unit holders, managers, employees, agents, principals, heirs, representatives, accountants, auditors, attorneys, insurers, consultants, and their respective successors and predecessors in interest, subsidiaries, affiliates, and parents and attorneys.
- 1.28. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.29. "Defendants" means named Defendants Twenty4Seven Hotels Corporation, T4S Management CA LLC, and David Wani

2. RECITALS.

- 2.1. On May 13, 2020 and June 9, 2020, Plaintiffs submitted a Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA") notice to the Labor Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") on behalf of themselves and all aggrieved non-exempt employees of Defendants in California. Plaintiffs' PAGA notice alleged violations of the following Labor Code sections: 200-203, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, 1194.2, 1197 and 2699, et seq. On May 13, 2020 and June 10, 2020, Plaintiffs filed class action lawsuits in Sacramento and Los Angeles County Superior Court. On January 30, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint, consolidating the two actions in Sacramento Superior Court (the "Action"). The Action alleges that Defendants failed to pay overtime wages, failure to pay minimum wages, failed to provide meal periods, failed to provide rest periods, provided inaccurate wage statements, failed to timely pay wages upon termination, unfair competition, and civil penalties under PAGA ("Operative Complaint").
- 2.2. Defendants deny the allegations in the Operative Complaint, deny any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint and deny any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.
- 2.3. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiffs gave timely written notice to Defendants and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.
- 2.4. On May 12, 2024, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by

Tripper Ortman, Esq. However, the Parties were not able to reach a settlement at mediation because Defendants claimed financial hardship. Thereafter, Defendants agreed to produce certain financial documents to a CPA retained by Plaintiffs to determine the maximum amount they could pay without impacting their business. After several back and forth, with the assistance of the mediator, the Parties agreed to resolve the Action.

- 2.5. Prior to mediation, Plaintiffs obtained, through discovery, statistical data, including records of Defendants employees, which consisted of wage statements, clock in and clock out times, wages earned during the relevant pay periods, written policies and procedures on meal breaks, rest breaks, and overtime compensation, the number of pay periods in the PAGA Period, and the total number of aggrieved employees.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants promise to pay \$380,000.00 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants have no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 6.1 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendants.

- 3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:

- 3.2.1. To PAGA Counsel: A PAGA Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 35% which is currently estimated to be \$133,000 and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$50,000. Defendants will not oppose requests for Court approval of these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiffs and/or PAGA Counsel will file an application or motion for PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Litigation Expenses Payment. If the Court approves a PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and/or a PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to PAGA Counsel or any other Plaintiffs' Counsel arising from any claim to any portion of any PAGA Counsel Fee Payment and/or PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. PAGA Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment.

- 3.2.2. To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$10,000 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$10,000, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

- 3.2.3. Incentive Payment: shall mean a payment of \$10,000 to each Plaintiff for a total of

\$20,000 for bringing the instant action. The Incentive Payment is in addition to Plaintiffs' share of the Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.4. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$167,000 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$125,250) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$41,750) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.4.1. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties (\$41,750) by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.4.2. If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1. Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of their records to date, Defendants estimates there are 1,612 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 61,352 PAGA Pay Periods.

4.2. Aggrieved Employee Data. Within 30 days of the Court's Order approving the Settlement, Defendants will simultaneously deliver the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Aggrieved Employee' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Aggrieved Employee Data in confidence, use the Aggrieved Employee Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendants have a continuing duty to immediately notify PAGA Counsel if they discover that the Aggrieved Employee Data omitted employee identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Aggrieved Employee Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendants must send the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Aggrieved Employee Data.

4.3. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants shall fund fifty percent (50%) of the Gross Settlement Amount upon the Court issuing an Approval Order granting approval of the PAGA Settlement and the remaining fifty percent (50%) within 120 calendar days after the first payment. Defendants shall transmit the funds to the Administrator who shall deposit the funds in an interest bearing trust account for the benefit of Aggrieved Employees and PAGA Counsel.

4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendants fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, and the PAGA Counsel Fees and Expenses Payments. Disbursement of the PAGA Counsel Fees and Expenses Payments shall not precede disbursement of Individual PAGA Payments.

4.4.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Aggrieved Employees via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.4.2. The Administrator must conduct an Aggrieved Employee Address Search for all Aggrieved Employees whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Aggrieved Employee Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Aggrieved Employees whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Aggrieved Employee prior to the void date.

4.4.3. For any Aggrieved Employee whose Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee and their Social Security number.

4.4.4. The payment of Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendants to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to the Aggrieved Employees (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendants fully fund the entire Gross Settlement Amount Plaintiffs and Aggrieved Employees will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

5.1 Plaintiffs' Release. Plaintiffs and their respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences that occurred during Plaintiffs' employment with Defendants, including, but not limited to: (a) all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice ("Plaintiffs' Release"). Plaintiffs Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability

benefits, social security benefits, workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time, or based on occurrences outside the period of Plaintiffs employment with Defendants. Plaintiffs acknowledge that Plaintiffs may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiffs now know or believe to be true but agree, nonetheless, that Plaintiffs Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiffs discovery of them.

- 5.1.1 Plaintiffs' Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542. For purposes of Plaintiffs' Release, Plaintiffs expressly waive and relinquish the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, AND THAT IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

- 5.2 Release by Aggrieved Employees. All Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including, but not limited to Labor Code sections, 200, 201, 202, 203, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, and 2699, and the applicable IWC Wage Order, and Business and Professions Code sections 17200 et seq.

6. MOTION OR APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT. The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file an application or motion for approval of this Settlement.

- 6.1 Plaintiffs' Responsibilities. Plaintiffs will prepare all documents necessary for obtaining approval of this Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)).
- 6.2 Responsibilities of Counsel. PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the application or motion for approval of this Settlement no later than 60 days after the full execution of this Agreement and, if necessary, obtaining a prompt hearing date for the motion and appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the motion. PAGA Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.
- 6.3 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed application or motion for approval of this Settlement and/or the supporting declarations and documents, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant the motion for approval of this Settlement or conditions its approval on any material change to this Agreement, PAGA Counsel

and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected ILYM Group, Inc. to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, ILYM Group, Inc. agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.
- 7.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 7.4 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

8. AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE SIZE ESTIMATES and ESCALATOR CLAUSE

Based on its records, Defendants estimates that, as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, there are approximately 1,612 Aggrieved Employees who worked 61,352 Pay Periods during the PAGA Period. If the actual number of pay periods increases from 61,352 Pay Periods, for the relevant time period, the settlement amount will be increased proportionately, or Defendants may agree to a release end date as of the accrual of 61,352 pay periods.

9. CONTINUING JURISDICTION OF THE COURT. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

10. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

- 10.1 No Admission of Liability or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendants that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint and/or PAGA Notices have merit or that Defendants have any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended

or construed as an admission by Plaintiffs that Defendants defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does not approve this Settlement, Defendants reserve all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiffs reserve the right to contest Defendants defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

- 10.2 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 10.3 Attorney Authorization. PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiffs and Defendants, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 10.4 Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 10.5 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 10.6 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel, Defendants nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 10.7 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 10.8 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.

- 10.9 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 10.10 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 10.11 Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 10.12 Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to “days” in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 10.13 Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the day sent by email.
- 10.14 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.
- 10.15 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to CCP section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

Signed by:

Ariana Camacho

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Plaintiff Ariana Camacho

Dated: 5/22/2025

For
Defendant Twenty4Seven Hotels Corporation

Dated: _____



Plaintiff Fatima Sanchez

Dated: 05/22/2025

For
Defendant T4S Management CA LLC

Dated: _____

Defendant, David Wani

Dated: _____