

## The complaint

Mr A's complaint is, in essence, that Mitsubishi HC Capital UK PLC trading as Novuna Personal Finance (the 'Lender') acted unfairly and unreasonably by (1) being party to an unfair credit relationship with him under Section 140A of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (as amended) (the 'CCA') and (2) deciding against paying a claim under Section 75 of the CCA.

## What happened

Mr A purchased membership of a timeshare (the 'Fractional Club') from a timeshare provider (the 'Supplier') on 23 July 2018 (the 'Time of Sale'). He entered into an agreement with the Supplier to buy Fractional Club membership at a cost of £18,995 (the 'Purchase Agreement'). Although it seems Mr A's partner was present throughout, it was only he who financed the purchase, by taking a loan from the Lender (the 'Credit Agreement'). For this reason, I'll refer only to Mr A in this decision.

Fractional Club membership was asset backed, which meant it gave Mr A more than just holiday rights. It also included a share in the net sale proceeds of a property named on the Purchase Agreement (the 'Allocated Property') after the membership term ends.

Mr A – using a professional representative (the 'PR') – wrote to the Lender on 4 March 2022 (the 'Letter of Complaint') to raise a number of different concerns. As those concerns haven't materially changed since they were first raised, and as both sides are familiar with them, it isn't necessary to repeat them in detail here beyond the summary above.

The Lender rejected the complaint on every ground. The complaint was then referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service. It was assessed by an investigator who, having considered the information on file, rejected the complaint on its merits. Mr A disagreed with the investigator's assessment and asked for an ombudsman's decision – which is why it was passed to me.

I issued a provisional decision (PD) about this case on 17 September 2025 in which I comprehensively set out my reasoning for not upholding the complaint. However, I invited the parties to respond with any further information or evidence they wanted to submit. Further to this, I issued a second PD to the parties on 20 November 2025 about commission. In this I said I wasn't persuaded that the commission arrangements between the Supplier and the Lender were likely to have led to a sufficiently extreme inequality of knowledge that rendered the credit relationship unfair to Mr A.

I've had a response from Mr A's PR which basically disagrees with my first PD. I have read everything said on his behalf with great care. But as I said before, my role as an Ombudsman is not to address every single point that has been made to date. Instead, it is to decide what is fair and reasonable in the circumstances of this complaint. No new information or evidence was submitted in response to my PD, but rather, it consisted of a re-submission of arguments I'd already seen (and fully considered in detail before issuing my first PD).

I'm also satisfied that, where appropriate, I have applied the law and the various rules correctly. I previously told both parties in my first PD about the overall legal and regulatory context that I think is relevant to this complaint. This is no different to that shared in several hundred published ombudsman decisions on very similar complaints – which can be found on the Financial Ombudsman Service's website. But in addition, I would add that the following regulatory rules / guidance are also relevant and have been considered:

The Consumer Credit Sourcebook ('CONC') – Found in the Financial Conduct Authority's (the 'FCA') Handbook of Rules and Guidance

Below are the most relevant provisions and/or guidance as they were at the relevant time:

- CONC 3.7.3 [R]
- CONC 4.5.3 [R]
- CONC 4.5.2 [G]

The FCA's Principles

The rules on consumer credit sit alongside the wider obligations of firms, such as the Principles for Businesses ('PRIN'). Set out below are those that are most relevant to this complaint:

- Principle 6
- Principle 7
- Principle 8

**What I've decided – and why**

I've considered all the available evidence and arguments to decide what's fair and reasonable in the circumstances of this complaint.

Having done this, I am not upholding this complaint. This is my final decision.

**Section 75 of the CCA: the Supplier's misrepresentations at the Time of Sale**

The CCA introduced a regime of connected lender liability under section 75 that affords consumers ("debtors") a right of recourse against lenders that provide the finance for the acquisition of goods or services from third-party merchants ("suppliers") in the event that there is an actionable misrepresentation and/or breach of contract by the supplier.

Certain conditions must be met if the protection afforded to consumers is engaged, including, for instance, the cash price of the purchase and the nature of the arrangements between the parties involved in the transaction. The Lender doesn't dispute that the relevant conditions are met. But for reasons I'll come on to below, it isn't necessary to make any formal findings on them here.

It was said in the Letter of Complaint that Fractional Club membership had been misrepresented by the Supplier at the Time of Sale because Mr A was:

1. Told that he had purchased an investment that would considerably appreciate in value when that was not true.
2. Told that he would own a share in a property that would increase in value during the membership term when that was not true.

3. Told that he could sell back his Fractional Club membership easily to the Supplier or to third parties at a profit.
4. Made to believe that he would have access to 'the holiday apartment' at any time all year round when that was not true.

However, neither points 1 nor 2 strike me as misrepresentations even if such representations had been made by the Supplier (which I make no formal finding on). Telling prospective members that they were investing their money because they were buying a fraction or share of one of the Supplier's properties was not untrue. Even if the Supplier's sales representatives went further and suggested that the share in question would increase in value, perhaps considerably so, that sounds like nothing more than a honestly held opinion as there isn't enough evidence to persuade me that the relevant sales representative(s) said something that, while an opinion, amounted to a statement of fact that they did not hold or could not have reasonably held.

As for points 3 and 4, while it's possible that the Fractional Club membership was misrepresented at the Time of Sale for one or both of those reasons, I don't think it's probable. These allegations lack the necessary detail and context to show that the Supplier made false statements of existing fact or misleading opinions. Also, since there's no other supporting evidence on file to back up the suggestion that the membership was misrepresented in these ways, I don't think it was.

So, while I recognise that Mr A and the PR have concerns about the way in which Fractional Club membership was sold by the Supplier, when looking at the claim under Section 75 of the CCA, I can only consider whether there was a factual and material misrepresentation by the Supplier. For the reasons I've set out above, I'm not persuaded that there was. So, this means that I don't think that the Lender acted unreasonably or unfairly when it dealt with this particular Section 75 claim.

#### **Section 140A of the CCA: did the Lender participate in an unfair credit relationship?**

I've already explained why I'm not persuaded that Fractional Club membership was actionably misrepresented by the Supplier at the Time of Sale. But there are other aspects of the sales process that, being the subject of dissatisfaction, I must explore with Section 140A in mind if I'm to consider this complaint in full – which is what I've done next.

Having considered the entirety of the credit relationship between Mr A and the Lender along with all of the circumstances of the complaint, I don't think the credit relationship between them was likely to have been rendered unfair for the purposes of Section 140A. When coming to that conclusion, and in carrying out my analysis, I have looked at:

1. The standard of the Supplier's commercial conduct – which includes its sales and marketing practices at the Time of Sale along with any relevant training material;
2. The provision of information by the Supplier at the Time of Sale, including the contractual documentation and disclaimers made by the Supplier;
3. Evidence provided by both parties on what was likely to have been said and/or done at the Time of Sale;
4. The inherent probabilities of the sale given its circumstances; and when relevant, any existing unfairness from a related credit agreement.

I have then considered the impact of these on the fairness of the credit relationship between Mr A and the Lender.

#### **The Supplier's sales & marketing practices at the Time of Sale**

Mr A's complaint about the Lender being party to an unfair credit relationship was made for several reasons.

The PR says, for instance, that the right affordability checks weren't carried out before the Lender lent to Mr A. I haven't seen anything to persuade me that was the case in this complaint given its circumstances. But even if I were to find that the Lender failed to do everything it should have when it agreed to lend (and I make no such finding), I would have to be satisfied that the money lent to Mr A was actually unaffordable before also concluding that he lost out as a result and then consider whether the credit relationship with the Lender was unfair for this reason. But from the information provided, I am not satisfied that the lending was unaffordable for Mr A.

Connected to this is the suggestion by the PR that the Credit Agreement was arranged by an unauthorised credit broker, the upshot of which is to suggest that the Lender wasn't permitted to enforce the Credit Agreement. However, it looks to me like Mr A knew, amongst other things, how much he was borrowing and repaying each month, who he was borrowing from and that he was borrowing money to pay for Fractional Club membership. Also, as the lending doesn't look like it was unaffordable, even if the Credit Agreement was arranged by a broker that didn't have the necessary permission to do so (which I make no formal finding on), I can't see why that led to Mr A suffering a financial loss – such that I can say that the credit relationship in question was unfair as a result. With that being the case, I'm not persuaded that it would be fair or reasonable to tell the Lender to compensate him, even if the loan wasn't arranged properly.

Overall, therefore, I don't think that Mr A's credit relationship with the Lender was rendered unfair under Section 140A for any of the reasons above. But there is another reason, perhaps the main reason, why the PR says the credit relationship with the Lender was unfair. And that's the suggestion that Fractional Club membership was marketed and sold as an investment in breach of prohibition against selling timeshares in that way.

### **The Supplier's alleged breach of Regulation 14(3) of the Timeshare Regulations**

The Lender does not dispute, and I am satisfied, that Mr A's Fractional Club membership met the definition of a "timeshare contract" and was a "regulated contract" for the purposes of the Timeshare Regulations.

Regulation 14(3) of the Timeshare Regulations prohibited the Supplier from marketing or selling Fractional Club membership as an investment. This is what the provision said at the Time of Sale:

*"A trader must not market or sell a proposed timeshare contract or long-term holiday product contract as an investment if the proposed contract would be a regulated contract."*

But the PR says that the Supplier did exactly that at the Time of Sale – saying, in summary, that Mr A was told by the Supplier that Fractional Club membership was the type of investment that would only increase in value.

The term "investment" is not defined in the Timeshare Regulations. But for the purposes of this decision, and by reference to the decided authorities, an investment is a transaction in which money or other property is laid out in the expectation or hope of financial gain or profit.

A share in the Allocated Property clearly constituted an investment as it offered Mr A the prospect of a financial return – whether or not, like all investments, that was more than what he first put into it. But it is important to note at this stage that the fact that Fractional Club

membership included an investment element did not, itself, transgress the prohibition in Regulation 14(3). That provision prohibits the *marketing and selling* of a timeshare contract as an investment. It doesn't prohibit the mere existence of an investment element in a timeshare contract or prohibit the marketing and selling of such a timeshare contract *per se*.

In other words, the Timeshare Regulations did not ban products such as the Fractional Club. They just regulated how such products were marketed and sold.

To conclude, therefore, that Fractional Club membership was marketed or sold to Mr A as an investment in breach of Regulation 14(3), I have to be persuaded that it was more likely than not that the Supplier marketed and/or sold membership as an investment, i.e. told him or led him to believe that Fractional Club membership offered him the prospect of a financial gain (i.e., a profit) given the facts and circumstances of *this* complaint.

There is competing evidence in this complaint as to whether Fractional Club membership was marketed and/or sold by the Supplier at the Time of Sale as an investment in breach of regulation 14(3) of the Timeshare Regulations.

On the one hand, it is clear that the Supplier made efforts to avoid specifically describing membership of the Fractional Club as an 'investment' or quantifying to prospective purchasers, such as Mr A, the financial value of the share in the net sales proceeds of the Allocated Property along with the investment considerations, risks and rewards attached to them.

On the other hand, I acknowledge that the Supplier's sales process left open the possibility that the sales representative may have positioned Fractional Club membership as an investment. So, I accept that it's equally possible that Fractional Club membership was marketed and sold to Mr A as an investment in breach of Regulation 14(3).

However, whether or not there was a breach of the relevant prohibition by the Supplier is not ultimately determinative of the outcome in this complaint for reasons I will come on to shortly. So, with that being the case, it's not necessary to make a formal finding on that particular issue for the purposes of this decision.

### **Was the credit relationship between the Lender and the Consumer rendered unfair?**

Having found that it was possible that the Supplier breached Regulation 14(3) of the Timeshare Regulations at the Time of Sale, I now need to consider what impact that breach had on the fairness of the credit relationship between Mr A and the Lender under the Credit Agreement and related Purchase Agreement as the case law on Section 140A makes it clear that regulatory breaches do not automatically create unfairness for the purposes of that provision. Such breaches and their consequences (if there are any) must be considered in the round, rather than in a narrow or technical way.

Indeed, it seems to me that, if I am to conclude that a breach of Regulation 14(3) led to a credit relationship between Mr A and The Lender that was unfair to him and warranted relief as a result, whether the Supplier's breach of Regulation 14(3) led him to enter into the Purchase Agreement and the Credit Agreement is an important consideration.

To help me decide this point, I've carefully considered what Mr A has said in the course of his complaint about how the membership was sold to him and his motivation for purchasing it. I have also considered what his PR has put forward on his behalf.

I note first of all that the evidence in this respect is quite limited. For example, within the Letter of Complaint, it is said that Mr A was told that he had purchased an investment and

could expect a return on this. But there was no further detail underpinning these statements within the Letter of Complaint, and I don't think they are reflected or reinforced by Mr A's own memories of the sale.

When referring the complaint to us, we were also sent a client personal statement, evidently written in Mr A's own words, within which he said:

*"Figures were also presented on how much we would be saving over the years, and how much the apartment which we would own a fraction [of], would be worth when sold. They told us that the cost of the whole timeshare would pretty much be paid back at the end of our agreement, once the apartment was sold and we received our share of the selling price".*

However, as well as these written words, I think it's fair and reasonable to also consider the wider circumstances of the sale and also at the entirety of Mr A's client personal statement. This is because, in my view, these factors do reveal a number of other and more prominent aspects of Mr A's likely purchasing rationale.

The client personal statement itself isn't dated although I've assessed and compared it together with the allegations set out by his PR on the Letter of Complaint, dated 4 March 2022. These allegations say,

- *"My client was told that he had purchased an investment and that his timeshare would considerably appreciate in value; and*
- *My client was told that he would have a share of a property, and its value would considerably increase, therefore he was promised a considerable return on investment".*

However, Mr A hasn't said that, and I've considered that the allegations made by his PR go some way beyond what Mr A himself says. The PR suggests, for example, that Mr A was told there would be either a 'considerable appreciation' or a 'return'—but these claims aren't reflected in Mr A's own account. As I set out above, I have taken an investment to mean a transaction in which money or other property is laid out in the expectation or hope of financial gain or profit. But in his own words, Mr A said he expected to get back *"pretty much"* what he had paid for the timeshare, which doesn't suggest to me that he expected to make a profit on what he had paid.

Given these important differences between the Letter of Complaint and Mr A's evidence — and the lack of any supporting evidence that Mr A was specifically told the purchase was an 'investment' or that he should expect a 'profit'—I think it's reasonable to look at the broader context of what Mr A says about the sale. In his personal statement, he talks about several other aspects of his experience with the Fractional Club membership. These areas he mentions in his client personal statement focus much more on the sales tactics, the quality of the holidays, free holiday benefits and other incentives to purchase, rather than any investment-related marketing

Additionally, I note that Mr A says, *"I am a salesperson myself and yes, I kept pushing for more and more, to make the timeshare more attractive."* He also refers to having *"negotiated a great deal"*, which I think speaks to his active engagement with various different aspects of the sale that he considered positive and worth pursuing. For instance, he mentions receiving free points (which would enhance holidaying rights and features), receiving another free holiday, getting access to the best rooms available, more locations being added, and a free iPad. These comments strongly suggest that his focus may have been more on the perceived value and benefits of the package, rather than on any investment related potential.

In fact, Mr A said it was after these above matters were discussed that he decided to make the purchase.

On my reading of *all* the evidence before me, the prospect of a financial gain from Fractional Club membership was not an important and motivating factor when Mr A decided to go ahead with his purchase. That doesn't mean he wasn't interested in a share in the Allocated Property. After all, that wouldn't be surprising given the nature of the product at the centre of this complaint. But as Mr A himself does not persuade me that his purchase was motivated by his share in the Allocated Property and the possibility of a profit, I don't think a breach of Regulation 14(3) by the Supplier was likely to have been material to the decision Mr A ultimately made.

On balance, therefore, even if the Supplier had marketed or sold the Fractional Club membership as an investment in breach of Regulation 14(3) of the Timeshare Regulations, I am not persuaded that Mr A's decision to purchase Fractional Club membership at the Time of Sale was motivated by the prospect of a financial gain (i.e., a profit). On the contrary, I think the evidence suggests he would have still pressed ahead with the purchase whether or not there had been a breach of Regulation 14(3). For that reason, I do not think the credit relationship between Mr A and the Lender was unfair to him even if the Supplier had breached Regulation 14(3).

### **The provision of information by the Supplier at the Time of Sale**

Mr A says he was not given sufficient information at the Time of Sale by the Supplier about the ongoing costs of Fractional Club membership. The PR also says that the contractual terms governing the ongoing costs of membership and the consequences of not meeting those costs were unfair contract terms.

As I've already indicated, the case law on Section 140A makes it clear that it does not automatically follow that regulatory breaches create unfairness for the purposes of the unfair relationship provisions. The extent to which such mistakes render a credit relationship unfair must also be determined according to their impact on the complainant.

I acknowledge that it is also possible that the Supplier did not give Mr A sufficient information, in good time, on the various charges they could have been subject to as Fractional Club members in order to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 12 of the Timeshare Regulations (which was concerned with the provision of 'key information'). But even if that was the case, I cannot see that the ongoing costs of membership were applied unfairly in practice. And as neither Mr A nor the PR has persuaded me that he would not have pressed ahead with the purchase had the finer details of the Fractional Club's ongoing costs been disclosed by the Supplier in compliance with Regulation 12, I cannot see why any failings in that regard are likely to be material to the outcome of this complaint given its facts and circumstances.

As for the PR's argument that there were one or more unfair contract terms in the Purchase Agreement, I can't see that any such terms were operated unfairly against Mr A in practice, nor that any such terms led him to behave in a certain way to their detriment. And with that being the case, I'm not persuaded that any of the terms governing Fractional Club membership are likely to have led to an unfairness that warrants a remedy.

### **Responses to my PDs**

I received a response to my first PD but nothing regarding the later commission-related PD.

The PR objects to the approach I've taken in assessing this aspect of the complaint, believing that I have detracted from the judgment in *Shawbrook & BPF v FOS*<sup>1</sup> and the case law that contributed to it, by requiring Mr A to have been “*primarily or mainly motivated*” by the investment element in order to uphold the complaint. But I did not make such a finding. I basically said that, in my view, Mr A was motivated by the holiday options offered by the Supplier – and this was a factor in my overall conclusion. In light of all the available evidence I said that he would, on balance, have pressed ahead with his purchase of the membership even if there had been a breach of Regulation 14(3). So, for the reasons I have already set out, I still do not think that any breach of Regulation 14(3), if indeed there was one, was material to Mr A's decision to purchase the Fractional Club membership.

## Commission

As both sides already know, the Supreme Court handed down an important judgment on 1 August 2025 in a series of cases concerned with the issue of commission: *Johnson v FirstRand Bank Ltd*, *Wrench v FirstRand Bank Ltd* and *Hopcraft v Close Brothers Ltd* [2025] UKSC 33 (*'Hopcraft, Johnson and Wrench'*).

The Supreme Court ruled that, in each of the three cases, the commission payments made to car dealers by lenders were legal, as claims for the tort of bribery, or the dishonest assistance of a breach of fiduciary duty, had to be predicated on the car dealer owing a fiduciary duty to the consumer, which the car dealers did not owe. A “disinterested duty”, as described in *Wood v Commercial First Business Ltd & ors and Business Mortgage Finance 4 plc v Pengelly* [2021] EWCA Civ 471, is not enough.

However, the Supreme Court held that the credit relationship between the lender and Mr Johnson was unfair under Section 140A of the CCA because of the commission paid by the lender to the car dealer. The main reasons for coming to that conclusion included, amongst other things, the following factors:

1. The size of the commission (as a percentage of the total credit charge). In Mr Johnson's case it was 55%. This was “*so high*” and “*a powerful indication that the relationship...was unfair*” (see paragraph 327);
2. The failure to disclose the commission; and
3. The concealment of the commercial tie between the car dealer and the lender.

The Supreme Court also confirmed that the following factors, in what was a non-exhaustive list, will normally be relevant when assessing whether a credit relationship was/is unfair under Section 140A of the CCA:

1. The size of the commission as a proportion of the charge for credit;
2. The way in which commission is calculated (a discretionary commission arrangement, for example, may lead to higher interest rates);
3. The characteristics of the consumer;
4. The extent of any disclosure and the manner of that disclosure (which, insofar as Section 56 of the CCA is engaged, includes any disclosure by a supplier when acting as a broker); and
5. Compliance with the regulatory rules.

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<sup>1</sup> R (on the application of Shawbrook Bank Ltd) v Financial Ombudsman Service Ltd and R (on the application of Clydesdale Financial Services Ltd (t/a Barclays Partner Finance)) v Financial Ombudsman Service [2023] EWHC 1069 (Admin) (*'Shawbrook & BPF v FOS'*).



From my reading of the Supreme Court's judgment in *Hopcraft, Johnson and Wrench*, it sets out principles which apply to credit brokers other than car dealer–credit brokers. So, when considering allegations of undisclosed payments of commission like the one in this complaint, *Hopcraft, Johnson and Wrench* is relevant law that I'm required to consider under Rule 3.6.4 of the Financial Conduct Authority's Dispute Resolution Rules ('DISP').

But I don't think *Hopcraft, Johnson and Wrench* assists Mr A in arguing that one or more of the credit relationships with the Lender was or were unfair for reasons relating to commission given the facts and circumstances of this complaint.

As the Supreme Court said in paragraph 326 of its judgment in *Hopcraft, Johnson and Wrench*, it's not possible to simply apply the reasoning of the Supreme Court in *Plevin v Paragon Personal Finance Ltd* [2014] UKSC 61 ('*Plevin*') to this complaint (as the PR does) when it's concerned with a type of product and marketplace that were very different to those in *Plevin*. What's more, Mr A was provided with information as to the price of this membership and the cost of the Credit Agreements (interest rate, fees, APR and monthly repayments). So, he was at least in a position from which he could understand the cost of the Credit Agreements and compare them with other options that might have been available at the Time of Sale.

I haven't seen anything to suggest that the Lender and Supplier were tied to one another contractually or commercially in a way that wasn't properly disclosed to Mr A, nor have I seen anything that persuades me that the commission arrangements between them gave the Supplier a choice over the interest rates that led Mr A into a credit agreement that cost disproportionately more than he otherwise could have obtained.

I acknowledge that it's possible that the Lender and the Supplier failed to follow the regulatory guidance in place at the Time of Sale insofar as it was relevant to disclosing the commission arrangements between them. But as I've said before, the case law on Section 140A makes it clear that regulatory breaches do not automatically create unfairness for the purposes of that provision. Such breaches and their consequences (if there are any) must be considered in the round, rather than in a narrow or technical way. And with that being the case, it isn't necessary to make a formal finding on that because, even if the Lender and the Supplier failed to follow the relevant regulatory guidance at the Time of Sale, it is for the reasons set out below that I don't think any such failures were themselves a reason to find one or more of the credit relationships in question unfair to Mr A.

In stark contrast to the facts of Mr Johnson's case, the amount of commission paid by the Lender to the Supplier for arranging the Credit Agreement that Mr A entered into wasn't high. At £759.80, it was only 4% of the amount borrowed and even less than that (3.7%) as a proportion of the charge for credit. So, had he known at the Time of Sale that the Supplier was going to be paid a flat rate of commission at that level, I'm not persuaded that he either wouldn't have understood that or would have otherwise questioned the size of the payment at that time. After all, Mr A wanted Fractional Club membership and had no obvious means of his own to pay for it. And at such a low level, the impact of commission on the cost of the credit he needed for a timeshare he wanted doesn't strike me as disproportionate. So, I think he would still have taken out the loan to fund the purchase at the Time of Sale had the amount of commission been disclosed.

What's more, based on what I've seen so far, the Supplier's role as a credit broker wasn't a separate service and distinct from its role as the seller of timeshares. It was simply a means to an end in the Supplier's overall pursuit of successful timeshare sales. I can't see that the Supplier gave an undertaking – either expressly or impliedly – to put to one side its commercial interests in pursuit of that goal when arranging the Credit Agreements. And as it wasn't acting as an agent of Mr A but as the supplier of contractual rights he obtained under

the Purchase Agreements, the transactions don't strike me as ones with features that suggest the Supplier had an obligation of 'loyalty' to him when arranging the Credit Agreements and thus a fiduciary duty.

Overall, therefore, I'm not persuaded that the commission arrangements between the Supplier and the Lender were likely to have led to a sufficiently extreme inequality of knowledge that rendered the credit relationship unfair.

### **Conclusion**

For the reasons I have comprehensively explained, I do not think that the Lender acted unfairly or unreasonably when it dealt with the relevant Section 75 claim.

Also, I am not persuaded that the Lender was party to a credit relationship with Mr A under the Credit Agreement that was unfair for the purposes of Section 140A of the CCA – nor do I see any other reason why it would be fair or reasonable to direct the Lender to compensate him.

### **My final decision**

I do not uphold this complaint against Mitsubishi HC Capital UK PLC.

I do not direct Mitsubishi HC Capital UK PLC to do anything else.

Under the rules of the Financial Ombudsman Service, I'm required to ask Mr A to accept or reject my decision before 14 January 2026.

Michael Campbell  
**Ombudsman**