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11	HELEN IIA an individual: SARAH	Case No. 2:17-cv-05686-R-AGR
12	HELEN JIA, an individual; SARAH SORMILLON, an individual; and all those similarly situated,	
13	Plaintiffs,	
14	V.	FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
15	NERIUM INTERNATIONAL, LLC, a	
16	Texas Limited Liability Company;	
17	NERIUM SKIN CARE, INC., a Texas Corporation, NATURAL	
18	TECHNOLOGY, INC dba	[DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL]
19	NATURTECH; JEFF OLSON, an	
20	individual; RENEE OLSON, an individual; AMBER OLSON ROURKE,	
21	an individual; MICHAEL SHOUHED, an	
22	individual; and DOES 1-10,	
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24	Defendants.	
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	FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT	1

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INTRODUCTION TO THE CASE

Nerium International, LLC ("Nerium") and their conspirators 1. represented to plaintiffs Helen Jia and Sarah Sormillon (collectively, the "Plaintiffs") 3 4 that Nerium provides a business opportunity that can build "a dream lifestyle" and that Plaintiffs could be financially independent by virtue of selling Nerium's "age-5 defying" creams. But in reality, these promises of riches, wealth, and gifts couldn't 6 7 be further from the truth. Characterized by some of its former employees as a scam and a cult, Nerium touts that it has generated one billion dollars in cumulative sales 8 9 after just four years. These sales are based on the recruitment of new brand partners 10 into the pyramid scheme that Nerium has amassed.

Plaintiffs did <u>not</u> make money as promised. As with the case of
 thousands of Nerium distributors before and after them, the Plaintiffs failed. Plaintiffs
 and those similarly situated, failed even though they were committed and put in the
 time and effort. They failed because they were doomed from the start by a Nerium
 marketing plan that systematically rewards recruiting distributors over the sale of
 products.

A significant percentage of Nerium distributors (otherwise characterized
by Nerium as brand partners) average net <u>losses</u>. In 2014 for example, only 1.4% of
Nerium Brand partners made gross sales of over \$10,000 which did not even factor in
all the expenses (and purchase of products) in the Nerium opportunity. Thus, nearly
all Nerium Brand Partners do not earn net profit.

4. Defendants run an illegal pyramid scheme. Defendants take money in
return for the right to sell products that are falsely advertised and do not provide the
health benefits promised, and reward the select few for recruiting other participants
into the pyramid.

26 5. Accordingly, Plaintiffs, for themselves, all others similarly situated, and
27 the general public, allege:

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TYPE OF ACTION

6. Plaintiffs sue for themselves and for all persons who were Nerium 3 participants from 2010 until the present under California's Endless Chain Scheme 4 Law (California's Penal Code § 327 and California Civil Code § 1689.2), California's 5 Unfair Competition Law (Business and Professions Code §17200 et seq.), False Advertising Law (Business and Professions Code §17500), and Racketeer Influenced 6 and Corrupt Organizations Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1961 et seq. against all defendants for the 7 operation and promotion of an inherently fraudulent endless chain scheme. 8 9 III. PARTIES

10 7. Plaintiff Helen Jia aka Jingmin Rogers ("Jia"), is and at all relevant
11 times, has resided in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

8. Plaintiff Sarah Sormillon ("Sormillon"), is and at all relevant times, has resided in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

9. Defendant Nerium International, LLC ("Nerium") is a Texas limited
liability company that does business in the State of California and at 4004 Belt Line
Road, Suite 112, Addison, TX 75001.

17 10. Defendant Nerium Skincare, Inc. ("Skincare") is a Texas corporation
18 that does business in the State of California and at 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 112,
19 Addison, TX 75001.

11. Defendant Jeff Olson ("Jeff") is the Chief Executive Officer of Nerium.
Jeff is the founder of Nerium and Marketing, Chairman, and CEO. He is at or near
the top of the pyramid operated and promoted by the Defendants, and he actively
participates in, promotes, and profits from Nerium's pyramid scheme.

12. Defendant Renee Olson ("Renee") is the Chief Leadership Officer of
Nerium. She is at or near the top of the pyramid operated and promoted by the
Defendants, and she actively participates in, promotes, and profits from Nerium's
pyramid scheme.

1 13. Defendant Amber Olson Rourke ("Amber") is the Chief Marketing 2 Officer of Nerium. She is at or near the top of the pyramid operated and promoted by 3 the Defendants, and she actively participates in, promotes, and profits from Nerium's 4 pyramid scheme.

Defendant Michael Shouhed ("Shouhed") is an individual and a resident 14. of Los Angeles County, California. He actively participates in, promotes, and profits from Nerium's pyramid scheme.

Shouhed were involved in promoting the Nerium opportunity using the 8 15. likeness of celebrities, including without limitation, Ray Liotta.

10 Jeff, Renee, Amber, Shouhed, and Heffernan, are referred to collectively 16. 11 hereinafter, as the "Individual Defendants."

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE IV.

Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court because Defendants do business 13 17. 14 in this judicial district, they hold themselves out and market their business opportunity 15 and products to this jurisdiction, and they actually conduct significant transactions in this jurisdiction. Under Plaintiff's California state law claims, more than 75% of those 16 17 affected in the class (and perhaps more persons) are residents of the State of 18 California. Jurisdiction exists over the RICO causes of action.

Venue is proper in this Court because a substantial part of the events or 19 18 omissions giving rise to Plaintiffs' claims occurred here, a substantial part of the 20 21 property that is the subject of this action is situated here, and Defendants are subject 22 to personal jurisdiction, in this District.

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19. Defendant Nerium is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. Nerium has been engaged in continuous and systematic business in California. In fact, many of Nerium's representative business activities originate from California.

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20. Nerium has committed tortious acts in this State.

27 21. Each of the Defendants named herein acted as a co-conspirator, single 28 enterprise, joint venture, co-conspirator, or alter ego of, or for, the other Defendants

1 with respect to the acts, omissions, violations, representations, and common course of 2 conduct alleged herein, and ratified said conduct, aided and abetted, or is other liable. 3 Defendants have agreements with each other, and other unnamed Director coconspirators and have reached agreements to market and promote the Nerium pyramid 4 5 as alleged herein.

22. Defendants, along with unnamed Director co-conspirators, were part of 6 7 the leadership team that participated with Nerium, and made decisions regarding: 8 products, services, marketing strategy, compensation plans (both public and secret), 9 incentives, contests and other matters. In addition, Defendants and unnamed coconspirators were directly and actively involved in decisions to develop and amend 10 11 the compensation plans.

12 23. Plaintiffs are presently unaware of the true identities and capacities of 13 fictitiously named Defendants designated as DOES 1 through 10, but will amend this 14 complaint or any subsequent pleading when their identities and capacities have been 15 ascertained according to proof. On information and belief, each and every DOE defendant is in some manner responsible for the acts and conduct of the other 16 17 Defendants herein, and each DOE was, and is, responsible for the injuries, damages, and harm incurred by Plaintiffs. Each reference in this complaint to "defendant," 18 "defendants," or a specifically named defendant, refers also to all of the named 19 20 defendants and those unknown parties sued under fictitious names.

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24 Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege that, at all times relevant hereto, all of the defendants together were members of a single association, with each member exercising control over the operations of the association. Each reference in this complaint to "defendant," "defendants," or a specifically named defendant, refers also to the above-referenced unincorporated association as a jural 26 entity and each defendant herein is sued in its additional capacity as an active and participating member thereof. Based upon the allegations set forth in this Complaint, 27

fairness requires the association of defendants to be recognized as a legal entity, as
 the association has violated Plaintiff and Class Members' legal rights.

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25. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe and thereon allege that each and all of the acts herein alleged as to each defendant was authorized and directed by the remaining defendants, who ratified, adopted, condoned and approved said acts with full knowledge of the consequences thereof, and memorialized the authority of the agent in a writing subscribed by the principal.

8 26. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege, that each of the
9 defendants herein agreed among each other to commit the unlawful acts (or acts by
10 unlawful means) described in this Complaint.

27. The desired effect of the conspiracy was to defraud and otherwise
deprive Plaintiffs and Class Members (as hereinafter defined) of their constitutionally
protected rights to property, and of their rights under other laws as set forth herein.
Each of the defendants herein committed an act in furtherance of the agreement.
Injury was caused to the Plaintiffs and Class Members by the defendants as a
consequence.

V. <u>FACTS</u>

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A. Nerium Operates A Pyramid Scheme

19 28. Nerium was founded back in 2011 by co-defendant Jeff Olson ("Olson").
20 Olson previously created and operated the People's Network, another MLM
21 Company that has since cratered.

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29. Nerium has stated gross revenues of 516 million dollars in 2015.

30. Nerium is involved in manufacturing so-called "age-defying" creams
and pills.

31. Brand Partners, who serve the role of distribution for Nerium (heretofore
referred to as "Brand Partners" or "Distributors") have complained that because there
are so many distributors selling Nerium's products, the market is flooded with too
much product. Many Brand Partners have also reported that they have had a hard

time selling the products because the Products smelled bad and did not provide the
 health benefits marketed. Other Brand Partners have stated that there are much better
 products out there for a fraction of the price.

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32. Nerium admits in its seminars that it is loading inventory, but misrepresents that its loading is "free" even though there is nothing free about shipping fees, product fees, and handling fees.

7 33. Defendant Nerium generates revenue using a product-based pyramid
8 scheme. Nerium sells its products to Nerium Partners who recruit multiple, new
9 Nerium Partners. They, in turn, purchase Nerium products and recruit yet more
10 Nerium Partners in an ever-growing pyramid.

34. Nerium uses the lure of potential future bonuses, commissions, prizes
(like iPads and Lexus cars) and "limitless opportunities" to motivate active
participation of Nerium Partners.

14 35. Defendant Nerium sells a skin care product in the form of a skin cream15 named "Nerium AD."

16 36. Nerium claims the key active ingredient in Nerium AD is an extract of17 the Nerium Oleander plant.

18 37. Nerium claims oleander possesses "remarkable properties" for
19 improving the appearance of damaged skin and that it produces "remarkable age20 defying results when applied to the skin." Nerium purports to have "stumbled upon"
21 those properties in a "true accidental discovery" and then scientifically "harnessed the
22 power of oleander" in Nerium AD skin cream.

38. Nerium claims that the use of Nerium AD skin cream produces dramatic
improvements in the look of a person's skin, and that it is "proven" to dramatically
reduce the appearance of wrinkles, skin discoloration, poor skin texture, poor skin
tone, enlarged pores and aging loose skin.

27 39. Nerium markets Nerium AD as purportedly being backed by "Real
28 Science" and as producing "Real Results."

1 40. Specifically, the actual labeling of the product falsely claims "age-2 defying supplement," "helps protect against common age-related mental decline with 3 a groundbreaking formula that includes our exclusive, patented EHT extract, a natural 4 mixture of bioactive molecules isolated from coffee, promotes better cognitive function and overall brain health, improves memory and recall, fortifies and 5 strengthens natural brain functions, increases focus and mental alertness, protects and 6 7 supports neuronal networking, enhances the body's natural energy stores, and boosts 8 the body's immune system.

9 41. Nerium claims the purported results achieved by using Nerium AD are
10 "based on proven science and actual customer success."

42. On information and belief, Nerium's principle marketing strategy is to
present "before and after" photographs showing purported dramatic results achieved
by people who have allegedly used Nerium AD skin cream.

43. On information and belief, Nerium, by and through its agents, provides
those "before-and-after" photographs and related marketing materials to Nerium
Partners for marketing, inter alia, on web sites and social networking platforms such
as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, Google+ and others.

44. On information and belief, the purported "real results" and "actual
customer success" of using Nerium AD shown in those "before and after"
photographs are fabricated – that is, they are not real results.

45. On information and belief, Nerium's claims of dramatic skin
improvements achieved by using Nerium AD skin cream have not been validated or
confirmed by any recognized or peer reviewed scientific studies.

46. On information and belief, Nerium uses "before and after" photos with
fabricated results to fraudulently induce Brand Partners and consumers to purchase
Nerium AD skin cream and to entice them to become Nerium Partners.

27 47. On information and belief, Defendant Nerium and the Defendant Nerium
28 Partners, themselves and/or by and through their respective agents, have used, the

name, likeness, image, identity and persona of certain star personalities like Ray Liotta to advertise, market and promote the sale of Nerium AD and to recruit new 2 Nerium Partners, for Defendants' commercial benefit and gain. 3

48. One former marketing employee of Nerium claimed on the website, Glassdoor.com on May 28, 2016, that "[Nerium] preaches these great values and even print cards. Its a joke among staff that they are never followed. Its a multilevel MARKETING company remember. Its [sic] all propaganda. Spend tens of thousands (literally) on redo-ing signs and bags for products because the color is wrong (not close enough to Tiffany blue ... sorry, Nerium blue) but cut staff benefits."

10 On March 25, 2015, another former employee of Nerium claimed as to 49. the "cons" of the organization to Glassdoor.com: "Too many to list. They brainwash 12 everyone in their organization into thinking that they own their own business. Or that 13 it you want it you can attain it, you just have to believe. Well believe me, it[']s a SCAM. There is 0 future. Advice to Management. ... You're taking advantage of 14 15 people every step of the way."

50. On October 24, 2014, another former employee of Nerium posted on 16 Glassdoor.com, "do NOT NOT NOT get sucked into this MLM cult." 17

18 51. Another Brand Partner of Nerium complained on Glassdoor.com as to the cons of Nerium: "Where do I start? The product is very expensive and it's hard to 19 20 get people to keep buying it, you have to convince them to come on board to sell it so 21 they can get theirs cheaper or free, etc. Not everyone wants to sell and you get a lot 22 of no's. Someone can get botox and juvederm cheaper than they can get a few months 23 of this. The before/after pics always seem to be in different light so it's hard to say if it's still working. It didn't work for me or the 3 people I sold it to. The ones that are 24 25 really into it, it seems like a cult almost, like the church of Nerium. Glory be to God 26 and Nerium is what they say. It's laughable. You get a "free" Lexus that they pay 27 500.00 towards. But if your sales go down, membership goes down, etc you are stuck

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1 with a lease. I'd rather have the money. Just don't do it. These people are borderline
2 nuts."

3 52. Another former employee commented on Glassdoor.com: "[not] just a
4 pyramid scheme...Some of the training techniques are about the same as
5 brainwashing..."

53. The starter pack for Nerium is approximately \$600, which includes
supplements, mind enhancement, firming body contour, and AD night cream.
Difference variants of the starter pack are offered.

9 54. Ordinary customers can purchase the products on websites like Ebay or
10 Amazon, for considerably less than a brand partner pays for the products.

11 55. By signing persons up, Nerium is frontloading "Brand Partners" with
12 significant product.

13 56. A Brand Partner is required to bring in 200 points for customers, or 80
14 points if a person purchase the products himself/herself. The main driver is for Brand
15 Partners to recruit other Brand Partners.

16 57. Only through recruiting, does a Brand Partner receive "team
17 commissions," which is where a Brand Partner obtains residual income paid out up to
18 10 levels. In other words, team commissions pay 10 levels above the pyramid when
19 new brand partners are signed up.

58. Nerium (by and through its agents including Jeff, Amber, and Renee
falsely and misleadingly claimed through statements in the public, to Plaintiff
Sormillon on or about 2016, and Jia on or about 2013, and the Class:

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• You can receive a "live better bonus of \$150,000."

• "With Nerium International, you can have everything." Further, "[o]ur program allows you the life-changing career to tailor your career to unlimited success, your way... They incentivize you to become the best person you can be... I quickly earned my Lexus... I got an i-pad bonus... You can pay off your student loans... I wanted to retire my parents."

- You "get paid to party." The representation "[i]f you want your future on your terms, get with your referring brand partner for more information."
- CEO Jeff Olson claimed to Jia in 2014 and 2015 through materials, "[w]e have people who've earned their iPads, they've earned their cars, earned dream vacations, great incomes, six figure incomes, people making adult incomes, people making incomes that put them in the top 5 percentile of the United States."
 - While Nerium's website professes that it provides its distributors with financial freedom, its outdated, hard-to-find, U.S. 2013 Income Declaration is misleading affirmatively, and by omission.
 - Nerium further falsely misrepresents: "I wanted to be able to get out there and retire my parents. I wanted to be able to go out there and make an impact in their life, and Nerium gave me that opportunity."
 - Nerium also falsely represents: "[w]hen you don't worry about money anymore, you don't have to stress out over the bills, you know it's about the choices you have the freedom you have."
 - "Nerium has just completely changed my life; everything about my life has gotten completely 100% better. We recently purchased our dream home and it's absolutely gorgeous."

Section 24 59. Nerium constitutes an exploitive money transfer scheme. Contrary to
Nerium's representation to Plaintiffs (2013-2015 as to Jia) and (2016 to present date
as to Sormillon) that it is "a proven system for people to make significant amount of
money," the average income of Nerium Brand Partners reflects that nearly every
brand partner in Nerium makes minimum wage to nothing.

1 60. If Nerium's products were so effective, partners would not be marketing
 2 benefits from people who are not even using the product.

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61. Nerium asserts it has a return policy of 30 days, but Brand Partners have to pay for shipping and handling fees.

5 62. The Wyoming Attorney General has asserted distributors used 6 prohibited income representations, the SEC has asserted Nerium has marked 7 payments to salespeople as assets instead of expenses, and Nerium settled 400 8 lawsuits in just the State of Missouri. Similar such statements found to be prohibited 9 income representations were made to each of the Plaintiffs (Jia from 2013 to 2015) 10 and (Sormillon 2016 to present date).

11 63. TINA.org, a non-profit organization, conducted an investigation into
12 Nerium. The investigation revealed that Nerium and its high-level Brand Partners
13 were engaged in a deceptive marketing campaign for both the Nerium business
14 opportunity and Nerium's products.

15 64. First, TINA.org found that Nerium, through its distributors, is using a plethora of deceptive and unsubstantiated health and disease-treatment claims to sell 16 17 its products. In fact, TINA.org compiled over 100 examples of unsubstantiated health 18 and disease treatment claims made about Nerium products, such as being able to treat, 19 cure, or alleviate the symptoms of autism, post-traumatic stress disorder, Alzheimer's 20 disease, Parkinson's disease, psoriasis, eczema, acne, and rosacea. The examples are 21 https://www.truthinadvertising.org/nerium-health-claims-database/. available at 22 These representations (or in similar form) were made to each of the Plaintiffs (Jia 23 from 2013 to 2015) and (Sormillon 2016 to present date).

24 65. Nerium further made false income disclosure claims to Plaintiffs in 2016
25 (29 millionaires, Residual Income! Can you afford not to have it?), representing
26 unrealistic, false and exponential interest).

1 66. Though the company tries to give the illusion that it has robust scientific
 2 support for the health claims made about its products, none of it satisfies the required
 3 substantiation to make such health and disease-treatment claims.

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67. In short, Nerium does not have competent and reliable scientific evidence in the form of clinical trials that are placebo controlled, randomized, and double-blind to substantiate the claims at issue.

Second, TINA.org's investigation revealed that Nerium and its 7 68. distributors are using deceptive, atypical, and unsubstantiated income claims 8 9 regarding the financial gains consumers will achieve by becoming distributors. For example, Nerium advertises that its distributors can become millionaires and earn 10 11 incomes that can put them in the top 5% of U.S. income earners. Not only are such results not typical, but marketing claims that boast atypical results are made without 12 clearly and conspicuously providing appropriate income disclosures. TINA.org 13 compiled over 100 instances of these types of income claims, which are all available 14 15 at https://www.truthinadvertising.org/nerium-incomeclaims-database/. These representations were made to Plaintiffs in one form or another (or in such a similar 16 17 fashion from 2013 to 2016 (Jia from 2013 to 2015) and (Sormillon 2016 to present 18 date).

19 69. The focus of Nerium is getting Brand Partners to purchase a starter pack
20 and get them to sign up new brand partners to purchase a starter pack to endless
21 scheme.

70. Nerium, and its agents, including Jeff, Renee, and Amber represented to
Plaintiffs in various forms from 2013 to 2016 (Jia from 2013 to 2015) and (Sormillon
2016 to present date). "[1]iving life on your own terms," "enjoying financial
freedom," "having fun and helping others to have fun," "you can take control of your
destiny with this opportunity," "[w]e have a simple proven system," and "what a
better way to earn part time to full time income with products you love," when in fact
these statements were all false.

1 71. Rewards paid in the form of cash bonuses, where primarily earned for 2 recruitment, as opposed to merchandise sales to consumers, constitute a fraudulent business model. See F.T.C. v. BurnLounge, Inc., 753 F.3d 878 (9th Cir. 2014). 3

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B. **Distributors Are Unable To Sell Nerium Products For A Profit**

72. Brand Partners are unable to consistently sell Nerium products for a profit for many reasons. First, the products are overpriced. Interchangeable products are available online or in brick-and-mortar stores for amounts far less than Nerium's suggested retail price, and even lower than its wholesale prices.

9 73. Second, Nerium's products themselves are available online for the wholesale price or less. That these products are sold below the wholesale price makes 10 11 it difficult for Brand Partners to sell the products for a profit. Moreover, many of these 12 sales are likely made by current or former Brand Partners desperately trying to offload 13 excess product at whatever price they can get, which further supports the proposition 14 that Brand Partners Inventory Load and that the Nerium products are overpriced.

15 74. Third, Nerium prohibits Brand Partners from selling the products in the only forum for a where Brand Partners could reasonably expect to sell enough product 16 to make a meaningful profit: the internet. Some examples of these prohibited websites 17 include, but are not limited to: eBay, Amazon or Craigslist. In addition, Nerium 18 forbids its Brand Partners from selling Nerium products at almost all brick-and-mortar 19 20 establishments. Nerium seeks to limit the Distributors to one-on-one situations in 21 private locations (such as the Brand Partner's or a friend's home), but achieving 22 significant, profitable retail sales by this method is extremely difficult.

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75. Plaintiffs do not contend that Brand Partners make no retail sales at all. But Plaintiffs do allege that relatively little of the revenues received by Brand 25 Partners—including both money paid them by Nerium and proceeds from retail 26 sales—comes from retail sales, and the vast majority comes from Brand Partners' payments to Nerium. Thus, the Brand Partners are primarily feeding off each other. 27

1 76. Nerium also makes false and/or inadequate income disclosures in that in 2 many instances, it does not disclose income of those who are distributors, or provides 3 statements of income that are false, and/or misleading, that affirmatively represent a profitable business opportunity, when there is no profit to be made, and nearly all 4 5 participants in fact, lose money.

77. Because Nerium pays the executives at the top of the pyramid exorbitant incomes and because little non-Distributor money comes into the scheme to pay Brand Partners, the Brand Partners at the bottom of the pyramid must lose money. These 9 losses are borne out by Nerium's own financial disclosures and the experiences of the Plaintiffs and multiple other Brand Partners. 10

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C. The Individual Defendants and Nerium Promote the Pyramid

The Individual Defendants are persons at the top of Nerium's pyramid. 78. All of the Individual Defendants achieved ranks of top executive. They are in the top 1% of Distributors who make the most lucrative bonuses. They actively participate in the Nerium pyramid scheme, and they profit from the compensation plan at the expense of the vast majority of Brand Partners.

17 79. Nerium and the Individual Defendants promote the pyramid scheme and 18 make misleading claims of financial success.

19 80 In coordination with Nerium, the Individual Defendants have flooded the internet with promotional materials designed to lure in new Brand Partners. Nerium 20 21 and the Individual Defendants promote the scheme as a lawful program that, with 22 sufficient hard work, virtually guarantees financial success. Nerium and the Individual 23 Defendants promote Nerium as a reliable source of significant income.

Jeff is the Chief Executive Officer of Nerium. Jeff contrived, prepared, 24 81. 25 set up, and developed the structure and parameters of the Brand Partners' program, 26 and the Brand Partners' endless chain scheme alleged herein above. As a top executive, visionary leader, and member of the Board for Nerium, Jeff has been, and 27 28 is currently responsible for operating the Nerium endless chain scheme and directing

1 others on the operation of the Nerium endless chain scheme. Jeff is also the very 2 public face of Nerium. Promotional materials describe Jeff as the leader of the Nerium 3 opportunity. Jeff's photograph and biography are prominently placed on Nerium's 4 website and Nerium's product brochures, promotional materials, and documents with 5 Jeff's information is provided to recruits. Jeff travels extensively on behalf of Nerium 6 to regularly give speeches and make appearances at seminars and other events for Nerium affiliates and recruits, all the while touting the benefits and opportunities for 7 8 affiliates under the Nerium program.

Renee is the Chief Leadership Officer of Nerium. Renee contrived, 9 82. prepared, set up, and developed the structure and parameters of the Brand Partners' 10 11 program, and the Brand Partners' endless chain scheme alleged herein above. As a top executive, visionary leader, and member of the Board for Nerium, Renee has been, 12 13 and is currently responsible for operating the Nerium endless chain scheme and 14 directing others on the operation of the Nerium endless chain scheme. Renee's 15 photograph and biography are prominently placed on Nerium's website and Nerium's product brochures, promotional materials, and documents with Renee's information 16 17 is provided to recruits. Renee travels extensively on behalf of Nerium to regularly give speeches and make appearances at seminars and other events for Nerium 18 19 affiliates and recruits, all the while touting the benefits and opportunities for affiliates 20 under the Nerium program.

21 83 Amber is the Chief Marketing Officer of Nerium. Amber contrived, 22 prepared, set up, and developed the structure and parameters of the Brand Partners' 23 program, and the Brand Partners' endless chain scheme alleged herein above. As a top executive, visionary leader, and member of the Board for Nerium, Amber has 24 25 been, and is currently responsible for operating the Nerium endless chain scheme and 26 directing others on the operation of the Nerium endless chain scheme. Amber's photograph and biography are prominently placed on Nerium's website and Nerium's 27 28 product brochures, promotional materials, and documents with Renee's information is provided to recruits. Amber travels extensively on behalf of Nerium to regularly
 give speeches and make appearances at seminars and other events for Nerium
 affiliates and recruits, all the while touting the benefits and opportunities for affiliates
 under the Nerium program.

84. To sell the financial-success promise, Nerium and the Individual Defendants flaunt the wealth of the highest-ranked Brand Partners and those few insiders at the top of the pyramid, as examples of the riches that await new participants, if only they will work hard enough (i.e., tirelessly recruit new Distributors).

85. The Individual Defendants have produced videos and made statements via
the internet knowingly promoting Nerium's pyramid scheme and touting the financial
rewards supposedly available to participants. Each of these statements furthered the
pyramid scheme by encouraging persons to become Brand Partners and by encouraging
Distributors to remain Brand Partners and pursue the Nerium business opportunity.

14 86. The Individual Defendants aided and abetted the torts listed in this
15 Complaint because they knew that Nerium and Skincare's conduct constitutes a
16 breach of duty and gives substantial assistance or encouragement to the other to so
17 act.

18 87. Each of the individual defendants reviewed the business plan, the
19 website of Nerium, the financials, and recognized that the business plan constitutes a
20 pyramid scheme.

88. The Individual Defendants were also facilitating orders for an unlawful
pyramid scheme and that Nerium's website made false, misleading, and deceptive
claims and engaged in unfair business practices.

24 89. Finally, the Individual Defendants knew that the money being paid by
25 the consumers was for the purposes of participation in the endless chain.

26 90. Each of the Individual Defendants authorized Nerium and Skincare to
27 configure their site and marketing materials so consumers would rely on their
28 representations.

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Each of the Individual Defendants did this with the knowledge and 91. specific intent of aiding and abetting and facilitating Nerium's endless chaing pyramid scheme, Nerium had hoped and believed that by allowing Nerium to take credit card 4 orders, more persons would be able to participate in the illegal pyramid, resulting in more revenue for themselves. The Individual Defendants also realized that by providing their services to Nerium, this would lend an aura of respectability and 6 further encourage participation.

Each of the Individual Defendants had the specific intent to facilitate the 8 92. wrongful conduct of Nerium. The Individual Defendants had a conscious decision 9 to participate in tortious activity for the purpose of assisting another in performing a 10 11 wrongful act.

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The Individual Defendants each acted with specific intent of aiding and 93. abetting and facilitating Nerium's illegal pyramid business practices.

14 94. The similarity of the statements made by the Individual Defendants 15 indicates a collusive effort to promote the Nerium scheme. The following paragraphs 16 set forth just a small subset of publicly broadcast statements made by the Individual 17 Defendants to promote the Nerium "business opportunity."

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Plaintiffs Are Victims Of The Pyramid Scheme D.

19 95 Plaintiff Jia first became an Nerium Brand Partner on or about August 20 2013 by making purchases and buying the starter pack. Plaintiff Jia continued to 21 renew Nerium and pay monies toward the endless chain account years thereafter, and 22 the endless chain account continues to be maintained and paid for. Plaintiff Jia paid 23 between \$1200-\$1500 towards the opportunity, which did not include out of pocket expenses for the opportunity. Plaintiff Jia was deceived by Nerium's misleading 24 opportunity believing, the opportunity was a legitimate way to earn money (even 25 26 though that representation by Nerium and those representations made by the Individual Defendants were false), and Plaintiff Jia did in fact lose money as a result 27 28 of Defendants' unfair, unlawful, and fraudulent business practice. Upon information and belief, other purchases have been made on account of Jia's endless chain account
 through the present date.

96. Plaintiff Sarah Sormillon became a Nerium Brand Partner in 2016 by making purchases and buying the starter pack. Plaintiff Sormillon paid approximately \$600 towards the business opportunity, which did not include out of pocket expenses.

97. Plaintiffs Jia and Sormillon were unable to make any retail sales, and they lost money in the Nerium scheme despite putting in effort.

Nerium through itself and the Defendants, and Jia's upline actually made 8 98 the representations (or in similar form) to Plaintiffs as reflected in ¶ 31, 35, 37, 38, 9 39-43, and 58 in written presentations, disclosures, online materials, online, orally, at 10 11 various times for Jia in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and as for Sormillon, 2016. Nerium, through its agents, representatives, and including Olson, Amber, and Renee, also 12 13 made income and other business representations to Sormillon, as reflected in exhibit 14 A attached to this Complaint, and as to Jia, as reflected in exhibit B attached to this 15 Complaint. Representations (or ones similar thereto) were made by Plaintiffs to both Defendants, attached hereto as Exhibits A through D. 16

17 99. Plaintiffs Jia and Sormillon were deceived by Nerium's misleading
18 opportunity believing, the opportunity was a legitimate way to earn money (even
19 though that representation by Nerium and the Individual Defendants was false), and
20 Plaintiff Jia and Sormillon did in fact lose money as a result of Defendants' unfair,
21 unlawful, and fraudulent business practices.

100. The official policies in the Application and the Policies Manual (as later
defined), and as conveyed through Plaintiff Jia's upline in the Nerium pyramid
enterprise, discourage practices associated with pyramid schemes, such as inventory
loading, and instead, have stated for several years to Jia, that the Defendants are a
legitimate direct selling company.

27 101. Plaintiff Jia discovered on or about March of 2017, that the Defendants
28 were operating a pyramid scheme.

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1 102. That the Nerium opportunity was a pyramid scheme, was a fact
 2 concealed by the Defendants through their Application, their Policies Manual (as later
 3 defined), through their training manuals, distribution materials, marketing materials,
 4 seminars, and the dissemination of presentation materials.

103. Through March of 2017, the Defendants never intended to actually pay Jia or make her a success in the pyramid scheme of the Defendants, because Jia was not an insider or a conspirator in the pyramid scheme.

8 104. Plaintiff Jia was ignorant of the fact that the Defendants were operating
9 a pyramid scheme. Plaintiff Jia relied on the fact that the Defendants had financial
10 superiority, wealth, experience, and supposed acumen in the community, and
11 particularly in consideration of Plaintiff's financial position. Plaintiff had not
12 discovered Nerium was operating a pyramid scheme until on or about March of 2017
13 when Plaintiff had learned about the various lawsuits against Nerium, and her efforts
14 to sell or Nerium were exhausted.

15 104. Plaintiff Jia lacked the ability to discover the facts that the Defendants
16 were operating a pyramid scheme based on the Defendants' stature as a major
17 company touting to be a billion dollar international company, and the promises of
18 Nerium and Plaintiff's upline.

19 105. From on or about 2012 to 2017, the Defendants engaged in a pattern of
20 reasonably frequent and similar acts in not paying Plaintiff Jia any amount owed on
21 account of their endless chain distributor account with Plaintiffs including points,
22 credits, and charges, through 2017, all the time representing that the business was a
23 legitimate direct selling company.

106. Nerium's business model is a pyramid scheme because there is very high
yearly attrition, and 99% of participants do not succeed in the business. Thus, Nerium
is inherently a business model, destined for failure.

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107. The term of a Nerium brand partner distributorship is one year.

1 108. There are renewals done each year, such that each 12 year period under
 which Sormillon, Jia, and the Class Members belonged to Nerium as Brand Partners,
 they had a divisible investment in the Nerium brand opportunity, and were solicited
 each year during each of their respective brand partner relationships.

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E. Nerium's Documents Of Adhesion

109. At some times during Nerium's history, it has apparently maintained a document labeled, "Independent Brand Partner Application" (the "Application").

110. Upon recent investigation of the Application, it has been determined that 8 9 the Application has at certain times, included a provision that provides as follows: "[a]ny and all disputes regarding or related to this Agreement, and all other documents 10 11 incorporated herein, shall be resolved by binding arbitration administered by the 12 American Arbitration Association ("AAA") and conducted under its rules, and the arbitration proceeding shall be held in Dallas, Texas, as is more particularly set forth in 13 14 Section 11.06 of the Nerium International Policies and Procedures Manual" ("Policies 15 Manual").

16 111. There is no class action waiver provision barring class treatment of Jia's
17 claims because even the purported contract at issue then did not include such a waiver,
18 and none impacting Sormillon's claims.

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112. However, § 11.06 of the Policies Manual does not even discuss arbitration.

113. Upon further investigation, § 11.09 of the Policies Manual provides:

a) Except as expressly set forth herein, all disputes, claims and controversies between Brand Partner and the Company relating to or arising out of the Agreement, the Compensation Plan, this Policy Manual, other documents produced by the Company, or the Company's products, the rights and obligations of Brand Partner and the Company or any other claims or causes of action relating to the performance of any Brand Partner under the Agreement and this Policy Manual shall be settled totally finally and exclusively by arbitration through the Company's Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedure ("ADR Procedure"). A copy of the Company's ADR Procedure has been delivered to Brand Partner and can be obtained from the Company by written request. No legal action can be filed in any court concerning a Dispute as defined in the ADR Procedure. The Disputes subject to arbitration include claims that Brand Partner's termination was illegal or unlawful.

- b) Arbitration is commonly used and accepted technique for resolving Disputes in a timely, cost-efficient manner. Any Brand Partner who feels that his or her termination was unlawful may file a claim and initiate the arbitration process directly, or through an attorney, within six months of the termination decision.
- c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the arbitrator shall have no jurisdiction over disputes relating to the ownership, validity or registration of any mark or other intellectual property or proprietary or confidential information of the Company without the Company's prior written consent. The Company may seek any applicable remedy in any applicable forum with respect to these disputes and with respect to money owing to the Company. In addition to monetary damages, the Company may obtain injunctive relief against Brand Partner for any violation of the Agreement or misuse of the Company's trademark, copyright or confidential information policies.
 - d) Nothing in this rule shall prevent the Company from applying to and obtaining from any court having jurisdiction a writ of attachment, a temporary injunction, preliminary injunction and/or other injunctive or emergency relief available to safeguard and protect the Company's interests prior to the filing of or during or following any arbitration or other proceeding or pending the handing down of a decision or award in connection with any arbitration or other proceeding.
 - e) Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to give the arbitrator any authority, power or right to alter, change, amend, modify, add to, or to subtract from any of the provisions of this Agreement.
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- 114. According to Nerium, a person becomes a brand partner Nerium when he or she buys a "starter pack."
- 115. As for Plaintiff Sormillon, like other class members who signed up online,
 Sormillon did not have to sign or agree to the Application, nor Policies Manual prior to
 purchasing a starter pack to become a Brand Partner. (See Figure No. 1).

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6	116. Several screens prior to Figure No. 1, the screen on Nerium's website
7	provides "I agree to Nerium International Terms of Service" next to a check box so that
8	an individual could sign up for an "Edge Subscription." (See Figure No. 2 below).
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1 122. Plaintiffs seek to certify a class pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23(a), 23(b), 23(c)(4), and 23(c)(5), if necessary. 2

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123. Plaintiffs seek relief on behalf of themselves and the following class: persons who paid start-up fees, monthly fees, annual fees, seminar ticket fees, any other fees imposed by Nerium, and/or purchased products from Nerium between January 1, 2012, to the present date, whose gross amounts paid to Nerium exceeded income received from their participation in the Nerium scheme.

8 124. Subject to confirmation, clarification and/or modification based on 9 discovery to be conducted in this action, Plaintiffs also seek to represent a sub-class in California, defined as follows: persons residing in California who paid start-up fees, 10 11 monthly fees, annual fees, seminar ticket fees, any other fees imposed by Nerium, 12 and/or purchased products from Nerium between January 1, 2012, to the present date, whose gross amounts paid to Nerium exceeded income received from their 13 14 participation in the Nerium scheme.

15 125. Subject to confirmation, clarification and/or modification based on discovery to be conducted in this action, Plaintiffs also seeks to represent a sub-class 16 of all worldwide participants of Nerium, defined as follows: persons residing 17 anywhere in the World who paid start-up fees, monthly fees, annual fees, seminar ticket 18 fees, any other fees imposed by Nerium, and/or purchased products from Nerium 19 20 between January 1, 2012, to the present date, whose gross amounts paid to Nerium 21 exceeded income received from their participation in the Nerium scheme.

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126. Pursuant to the previous paragraph of this complaint, the damage to any person living anywhere else other than the United States involved a domestic injury to business or property because all contracts of independent business owners were 25 negotiated, executed, and stored on a server in the United States owned by Nerium, 26 and are available on the worldwide web, involved a significant connection to domestic 27 commerce in that the labeling, products, and other parts of the manufacturing and

1 sales and marketing process were conducted from the United States, and for other 2 reasons to be provided according to proof, and after the opportunity for discovery.

3 127. Excluded from the class are the Defendants, executives of Nerium, family members, this Court. 4

124. Plaintiffs seek to pursue a private attorney general action for injunctive 6 relief for themselves and all members of the class, and they satisfy the standing and 7 class action requirements.

8 125. While the exact number of members in the Class and Subclasses are 9 unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, and can only be determined by appropriate discovery, membership in the class and subclasses is ascertainable based upon the 10 11 records maintained by Defendant. It is estimated that the members of the Class are 12 greater than 100,000, nationwide.

126. Therefore, the Class and Subclasses are so numerous that individual 13 14 joinder of all Class and Subclass members is impracticable.

15 127. There are questions of law and/or fact common to the class and subclasses, including but not limited to: (a) Whether Nerium is operating an endless 16 chain; (b) Whether Distributors paid money to Nerium for (1) the right to sell a 17 18 product and (2) the right to receive, in return for recruiting others, rewards which were 19 unrelated to the sale of the product to retail consumers; (c) Whether Nerium's rules 20 apply to Section 327 claims; (d) If the Nerium rules do apply, are Nerium's rules 21 effective; (e) If the Nerium rules do apply, and Nerium's rules are effective, did 22 Nerium enforce those rules; (f) Whether Nerium or the Individual Defendants omitted 23 to inform the Plaintiffs and the plaintiff class that they were entering into an illegal scheme where an overwhelming number of participants lose money; (g) Whether 24 25 Nerium's statements of compensation during the Class Period were deceptive and 26 misleading; (h) Whether Nerium's conduct constitutes an unlawful, unfair and/or deceptive trade practice under California state law; (i) Whether Nerium's conduct 27

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1 constitutes unfair competition under California state law; and (j) Whether Nerium's conduct constitutes false advertising under California state law. 2

3 128. These and other questions of law and/or fact are common to the class and 4 subclasses and predominate over any question affecting only individual class 5 members.

129. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the class and subclasses in 6 7 that Plaintiffs were Brand Partners for Defendant Nerium and lost money because of the illegal scheme. 8

9 130. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class and subclasses. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the class and subclasses. 10 11 Plaintiffs' interests are fully aligned with those of the class and subclasses. Plaintiffs have retained counsel experienced and skilled in complex class action litigation. 12

13 131. Class action treatment is superior to the alternatives for the fair and 14 efficient adjudication of the controversy alleged, because such treatment will allow many similarly-situated persons to pursue their common claims in a single forum 15 simultaneously, efficiently and without unnecessary duplication of evidence, effort, 16 17 and expense that numerous individual actions would engender.

132. Plaintiffs know of no difficulty likely to be encountered in the 18 management that would preclude its maintenance as a class action. 19

COUNT I

Declaratory Judgment Declaring the Arbitration Provision Unenforceable

(Plaintiffs on Behalf of Themselves And Those Similarly Situated, Against All

Defendants, including DOES 1 through 10)

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133. Plaintiffs reallege all allegations as if fully set forth herein, and 26 incorporate previous allegations by reference.

134. Neither Plaintiff assented to an arbitration policy of Nerium in becoming 27 28 a Brand Partner.

VII. CLASS ACTION COUNTS

135. In the alternative, the arbitration policy of Nerium is unconscionable.

2 136. The arbitration provision is alternatively, unenforceable as a matter of
3 fact, and law.

4 137. For these reasons, and those legal reasons to be stated in connection with
5 any motion practice initiated by the Defendants, the Court should declare that the
6 arbitration provision is illusory, lacks consideration, is unenforceable, and that the
7 Plaintiffs' claims and the Classes' claims are properly before this Court.

COUNT II

ENDLESS CHAIN SCHEME; California Penal Code § 327 and Section 1689.2 of the California Civil Code

(Plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and the Class, Against All Defendants including
 DOES 1 through 10)

13 138. Plaintiffs reallege all allegations as if fully set forth herein, and14 incorporate previous allegations by reference.

15 139. Section 1689.2 of the California Civil Code provides: "[a] participant in
an endless chain scheme, as defined in Section 327 of the Penal Code, may rescind
the contract upon which the scheme is based, and may recover all consideration paid
pursuant to the scheme, less any amounts paid or consideration provided to the
participant pursuant to the scheme."

140. The Defendants are operating an endless chain scheme under Section
327 of the Penal Code because they have contrived, prepared, set up, and proposed an
endless chain as pled in the factual section of this FAC. Nearly 99% of those who
participate in Nerium's business fail.

141. The Nerium operation constitute a scheme for the disposal or distribution
of property whereby class members pay a valuable consideration for the chance to
receive compensation (as pled in the fact section) for introducing one or more
additional persons into participation in the scheme or for the chance to receive

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compensation when a person introduced by the participant introduces a new
 participant.

142. Independently, the Nerium operation constitute an endless chain because
members pay an initial fee and then are required to purchase significant amounts of
product, only to have a membership terminated (and points/commissions canceled),
if he fails to pay.

7 143. Independently, the Nerium operations constitute an endless chain
8 because defendants tell victims they earn commissions by recruiting other people to
9 buy memberships and the members, were in turn, instructed to recruit more members.
10 Revenues are made primarily from recruitments.

11 144. Independently, the Nerium operations constitute an endless chain
12 because Defendants' commissions, income, lottery gifts like vehicles, and free
13 products were based on a current member's sales of memberships to new members
14 and not the sale of products.

15 145. Plaintiffs and the class have suffered an injury in fact and have lost
money or property because of Nerium and the Individual Defendants' operation of an
endless chain, business acts, omissions, and practices.

18 146. Plaintiffs and the class are entitled to: (a) rescind all receipts, statements,
invoices, and writings upon which the scheme is based and recover all consideration
paid under the scheme, less any amounts paid or consideration provided to the
participant under the scheme; (b) restitution, compensatory and consequential
damages (where not inconsistent with their request for rescission or restitution); and
(c) attorney's fees, costs, pre and post-judgment interest.

COUNT III

25 Unfair and Deceptive Practices Claims Under Cal. Bus, & Prof. Code § 17200,
 26 *et seq.*

27 (Plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and the Class Against All Defendants including
 28 DOES 1 through 10)

147. Plaintiffs reallege all allegations as if fully set forth herein, and 2 incorporate previous allegations by reference.

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148. All claims brought under this Third Cause of action that refer or relate to the unlawful, fraudulent or unfair "endless chain" of the Defendants are brought on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class.

149. All claims brought under this Third Cause of Action that refer or relate to the unlawful, fraudulent or unfair the statements, the touted Nerium "business opportunity" are brought on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class.

9 150. Nerium has engaged in constant and continuous unlawful, fraudulent and unfair business acts or practices, and unfair, deceptive, false and misleading 10 11 advertising within the meaning of the California Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq. The acts or practices alleged constitute a pattern of behavior, pursued 12 13 as a wrongful business practice that has victimized and continues to victimize 14 thousands of consumers for which Plaintiffs' seek to enjoin from further operation. 15 The Nerium Sales and Marketing Plan Is Unlawful.

151. Under California Business and Professions Code § 17200, an "unlawful" 16 business practice is one that violates California law. 17

18 152. Nerium's business practices are unlawful under § 17200 because they constitute an illegal "endless chain" as defined under, and prohibited by, California 19 20 Penal Code § 327.

21 153. Nerium utilizes its illegal "endless chain" with the intent, directly or 22 indirectly, to dispose of property in Nerium's products and to convince Distributors 23 to recruit others to do the same.

Nerium's business practices are unlawful pursuant to §17200 because 24 154. 25 they violate §17500 *et seq.*, as alleged in the Fourth Count.

26 155. Under California Business and Professions Code § 17200, a "fraudulent" 27 business practice is one that is likely to deceive the public.

1 156. Nerium's business practices are fraudulent in two separately actionable
 2 ways: (1) Nerium's business constitutes an illegal and deceptive "endless chain;" (2)
 3 the touted, yet non-existent, Nerium "business opportunity" is for everyone, including
 4 but not limited to Nerium's massive advertising campaign and the misleading
 5 statements of compensation.

6 157. First, as detailed herein, Defendants promoted participation in the
7 Nerium endless chain, which has a compensation program based on payments to
8 participants for the purchase of product by participants, not the retail sale of products
9 or services.

10 158. Nerium has made numerous misleading representations to Plaintiffs
11 about the business opportunity of Nerium and the income that a recruit or a distributor
12 can realize by becoming a distributor, and participating in the scheme.

13 159. Nerium knew, or should have known, that the representations about the14 business opportunity of Nerium were misleading in nature.

15 160. As a direct result of Nerium' fraudulent representations and omissions
16 regarding the Nerium endless chain described herein, Nerium wrongly acquired
17 money from Plaintiff and the members of the classes.

18 161. Second, Nerium touted, in numerous different ways as part of a massive
advertising campaign, a "business opportunity," which Nerium also repeatedly and in
many ways represented, among other things, as being "for everyone" and allowing
21 "full time" or "part time" opportunities.

162. The massive advertising campaign included among other things, the
website, emails, websites, presentations by Nerium, training, word of mouth among
Distributors, and events.

163. As part of this campaign and a further inducement to potential
Distributors, Nerium made and disseminated statements of compensation that further
misled the public, among other things: (1) by using cryptic and technical terms known
to Nerium but not to the general public or to those exploring the claimed "business

1 opportunity," (2) by highlighting the successful persons, i.e., those that received 2 compensation from Nerium, and the average gross compensation paid by Nerium to 3 those persons, (3) by failing to disclose the actual number of successful persons as compared to the number of Distributors who received no compensation from Nerium, 4 5 and (4) by downplaying and omitting the risks and costs involved in starting an Nerium Distributorship and succeeding in such a Distributorship. 6

164. In reality, the touted "business opportunity" was only for a select few, 7 and those that were recruited specially. And these numbers did not include expenses 8 9 incurred by distributors in the operation or promotion of their businesses, meaning there were likely more net losers who made no profit at all. 10

165. Nerium knew, or should have known, that the selective information presented to distributors in the compensation and its massive adverting campaign 12 during that time frame touting its purported "business opportunity" was likely to 13 14 mislead the public and did in fact mislead the public into believing that there was a 15 legitimate "business opportunity" in which Distributors/Brand Partners, or a large portion of them, could make money in either a full or part time capacity. In fact, 16 however, there was no such "business opportunity," except for a very select few. 17

18 166. As a direct result of Nerium' fraudulent representations and omissions regarding the Statement and the massive adverting campaign during that time frame 19 and thereafter touting Nerium's purported "business opportunity" described herein, 20 21 Nerium wrongly acquired money from Plaintiffs and the members of the classes.

22 167. The named Plaintiffs have standing to bring these § 17200 claims under 23 the fraudulent prong, and can demonstrate actual reliance on the alleged fraudulent conduct. 24

25 168. For instance, Plaintiffs have been in receipt of misleading and false 26 financial statements and marketing materials/seminar papers, which promoted the Nerium scheme and claimed "business opportunity" and contained material false 27

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1 representations regarding the success Distributors could achieve through Nerium by purchasing products and recruiting others to do the same.

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3 169. There were other representations made to Brand Partners as part of the 4 massive advertising campaign regarding the claimed "business opportunity," on which Plaintiff or some of the Class Members, reasonably believed the 5 representations they could succeed in the "business opportunity," did not return the 6 refund, purchased Nerium products and did not immediately return them, signed up 7 as Nerium Brand Partners, and attempted to and recruited others to do the same. 8 9 These other representations include, but are not limited to the following: (a) emails from Nerium that promoted Nerium and contained material false representations 10 11 regarding the success that a distributor could achieve through Nerium by purchasing products and recruiting others to do the same; (b) websites, such as www.nerium.com 12 13 and Neriumskin.com, which promoted the fraudulent scheme through videos of 14 Individual Defendants containing material false representations regarding the 15 "business opportunity" available to Distributors and the wealth that a distributor could get by agreeing to become an Nerium distributor; (c) presentations by Nerium 16 Distributors which contained material false representations regarding the "business 17 opportunity" and the success that a distributor could get through Nerium by 18 purchasing products and recruiting others to do the same; (d) presentations by Nerium, 19 20 including the presentations described in this complaint, which contained material 21 false representations regarding the "business opportunity" and the success that a 22 distributor could get through Nerium by purchasing products and recruiting others to 23 do the same; (e) training and events where Nerium Brand Partners made material false representations regarding the "business opportunity" and the success that a distributor 24 25 could get through Nerium by purchasing products and recruiting others to do the 26 same.

27 170. To the extent proof of reliance is required of Plaintiffs, Nerium and the Individual Defendants knew that Plaintiffs and the class would reasonably rely on 28

their representations and omissions, which would cause the Plaintiffs and the class
 joining the fraudulent endless chain scheme and purchasing the products, and
 Plaintiffs did in fact reasonably rely upon such representations and omissions.

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171. Indeed, had Plaintiffs and the class known that Nerium and its Individual Defendants were promoting an endless chain, they would not have become Nerium Brand Partners in the first place and, if learned after becoming a distributor, they would not have purchased Nerium products thereafter.

8 172. Had Plaintiffs and the class known that Nerium was promoting a
9 "business opportunity" that did not exist except for a select few, they would not have
10 become Nerium Distributors in the first place and, if learned after becoming a
11 distributor, they would not have purchased Nerium products thereafter.

12 173. Finally, the fraudulent acts, representations and omissions described
13 herein were material not only to Plaintiffs and the class (as described in this
14 complaint), but also to reasonable persons.

15 174. Under California Business and Professions Code § 17200, a business
16 practice is "unfair" if it violates established public policy or if it is immoral, unethical,
17 oppressive or unscrupulous and causes injury which outweighs its benefits.

18 175. For the reasons set forth herein and above, Nerium's promotion and
operation of an unlawful and fraudulent endless chain, and its fraudulent
representations and omissions regarding its purported "business opportunity," are also
unethical, oppressive, and unscrupulous in that Nerium is and has been duping
Plaintiff and the class out of billions, or at least hundreds of millions, of dollars.

23 176. Nerium's actions have few, if any, benefits. Thus, the injury caused to
24 Plaintiff and the class easily and dramatically outweigh the benefits, if any.

25 177. Defendants should be made to disgorge all ill-gotten gains and return to
26 Plaintiff and the class all wrongfully taken amounts.

27 178. Finally, Defendants' unlawful, fraudulent and unfair acts and omissions
28 will not be completely and finally stopped without orders of an injunctive nature.

Under California Business and Professions Code section 17203, Plaintiffs and the
 class seek a judicial order of an equitable nature against all Defendants, including, but
 not limited to, an order declaring such practices as complained of to be unlawful,
 fraudulent and unfair, and enjoining them from further undertaking any of the
 unlawful, fraudulent and unfair acts or omissions described herein.

COUNT IV

False Advertising - California Business and Professions Code § 17500, et seq.(Plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and the Class Against All Defendants including
DOES 1 through 10)

10 179. Plaintiffs reallege all allegations as if fully set forth herein, and11 incorporate previous allegations by reference.

12 180. All claims brought under this Fourth Count that refer or relate to the
13 false, untrue, fraudulent or misleading endless chain of Defendants are brought on
14 behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class.

15 181. All claims brought under this Fourth Count that refer or relate to the
16 false, untrue, fraudulent or misleading statements of income are brought on behalf of
17 Plaintiffs.

18 182. All claims brought under this Fourth Count that refer or relate to the
19 false, untrue, fraudulent or misleading statements of income are brought on behalf of
20 Plaintiffs and the Class.

21 183. Defendants' business acts, false advertisements and materially
22 misleading omissions constitute false advertising, in violation of the California
23 Business and Professions Code § 17500, *et seq*.

184. Defendants engaged in false, unfair and misleading business practices,
consisting of false advertising and materially misleading omissions regarding the
purported "business opportunity," and the "health benefits" likely to deceive the
public and include, but are not limited to, the items set forth in the factual background

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of this Complaint. Nerium knew, or should have known, that the representations about
 the business opportunity of Nerium were misleading in nature.

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185. Because of Defendants' untrue and/or misleading representations, Defendants wrongfully acquired money from Plaintiff and the class members to which they were not entitled. The Court should order Defendants to disgorge, for the benefit of Plaintiff and all other Nerium Distributors in the class who signed an agreement with Nerium governed by California law their profits and compensation and/or make restitution to Plaintiff and the Class.

9 186. Under California Business and Professions Code Section 17535,
10 Plaintiffs and the class seek a judicial order directing Defendants to cease and desist
11 all false advertising related to the Defendants' illegal endless chain scheme, and such
12 other injunctive relief as the Court finds just and appropriate.

187. Because of Defendants' untrue and/or misleading representations,
Defendants wrongfully acquired money from Plaintiff and the class members to which
they were not entitled. The Court should order Defendants to disgorge, for the benefit
of Plaintiff and all other Nerium Distributors in the class who signed a Distributor
Agreement with Nerium their profits and compensation and/or make restitution to
Plaintiff and the class.

19 188. Under California Business and Professions Code Section 17535,
20 Plaintiff and the class seek a judicial order directing Defendants to cease and desist
21 from all false advertising related to the Defendants' illegal scheme, and such other
22 injunctive relief as the Court finds just and appropriate.

COUNT V

(RICO 18 U.S.C. § 1961(5), 1962(c))

25 (Plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and the Class Against All Defendants including
 26 DOES 1 through 10)

27 189. Plaintiffs reallege all allegations as if fully set forth herein, and
28 incorporate previous allegations by reference.

1 190. RICO prohibits the following conduct: It shall be unlawful for (1) any
 2 person (2) employed by or associated with (3) any enterprise (4) engaged in, or the
 3 activities of which affect, interstate or foreign commerce, (5) to conduct or participate,
 4 directly or indirectly, in the conduct of such enterprise's affairs (6) through a pattern
 5 of racketeering activity or collection of unlawful debt. 18. U.S.C. § 1961.

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191. Section 1962(c) makes it "unlawful for any person employed by or associated with any enterprise engaged in, or the activities of which affect, interstate . . . commerce, to conduct or participate, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of such enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity."

192. RICO requires that a "person" violate its provisions." 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c-d). A RICO "person" includes any individual or entity capable of holding a legal or beneficial interest in property." 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3). A RICO person can be either an individual or a corporate entity. All Defendants named in this count are RICO persons.

15 193. Defendants Jeff, Renee, Amber, Shouhed, Hefernan have acted as an "association-in-fact" for a common purpose, have and maintained relationships 16 17 between and among each other (and nonparties), and the association-in-fact has a longevity sufficient to permit those associates to pursue the enterprise's purpose the 18 establishment and perpetuation of an unlawful pyramid scheme in which hundreds of 19 20 thousands of people have lost money. The operation and management of the 21 association in fact was generally led, at various times, by Defendants Jeff, Renee, and 22 Amber. The individual promoter defendants Shouhed generally operated certain field 23 aspects of the enterprise, taking direction from Jeff, Renee, and Amber. Jeff, Renee, and Amber provided funds to enable the association to grow and management and 24 25 strategic advice to grow and expand the pyramid scheme. Later, Jeff, Renee, and 26 Amber provided financial incentives to certain recruiters.

27 194. The "association-in-fact" began in 2011 and has continued to today.
28 Each of the Defendants charged in Count V has been a part of the association-in fact
as follows: Jeff: 2011-present; Renee: 2012-present; Amber: 2012-present; Shouhed:
 2012-present; Hefernan: 2012-present.

A. Nerium and The Individual Defendants Make False Claims As To The Nerium Opportunity

195. In 2011 Jeff formed Nerium, and shortly thereafter, named his wife Renee, and his daughter Amber, as key top executives of the company.

196. Nerium broadcasts that you can receive a "live better bonus of \$150,000."

9 197. "With Nerium International, you can have everything." Further, "[o]ur
10 program allows you the life-changing career to tailor your career to unlimited success,
11 your way... They incentivize you to become the best person you can be... I quickly
12 earned my Lexus... I got an i-pad bonus.. You can pay off your student loans... I
13 wanted to retire my parents."

14 198. You "get paid to party." The representation "[i]f you want your future on
15 your terms, get with your referring brand partner for more information."

16 199. CEO Jeff Olson claims, "We have people who've earned their iPads,
17 they've earned their cars, earned dream vacations, great incomes, six figure incomes,
18 people making adult incomes, people making incomes that put them in the top 5
19 percentile of the United States."

20 200. While Nerium's website professes that it provides its distributors with
21 financial freedom, its outdated, hard-to-find, U.S. 2013 Income Declaration is
22 misleading affirmatively, and by omission.

23 201. Nerium represents: "I wanted to be able to get out there and retire my
24 parents. I wanted to be able to go out there and make an impact in their life, and
25 Nerium gave me that opportunity."

26 202. Nerium further represents: "[w]hen you don't worry about
27 money anymore, you don't have to stress out over the bills, you know it's about the
28 choices you have – the freedom you have."

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203. "Nerium has just completely changed my life; everything about my life 1 2 has gotten completely 100% better. We recently purchased our dream home and it's 3 absolutely gorgeous."

204. Each of the statements made by Nerium in the preceding eight were false 4 5 and misleading.

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B. **Rico Enterprise**

205. A defendant can be both a RICO "person" and part of another RICO 7 8 "enterprise." Plaintiffs and the class allege the following:

(a) each Defendant is a RICO "person."

(b) each individual defendant, i.e., each person, combination of 10 11 persons or combination one or more person and an entity as defined above, is a RICO "person." 12

(c) the Defendants named in this Count are an "enterprise," (e.g., a de facto corporation acting as a single legal entity, or, alternatively, an association in fact).

206. There was an identifiable hierarchy and framework within the enterprise. 16 17 It is directed by Jeff, Renee, and Amber, to whom the remaining Defendants named 18 in this Count report.

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All Defendants Are "Employed By Or Associated With" The Rico С. "Enterprise"

207. Under Section 1962(c), a defendant must be "employed by or associated 22 with" the RICO enterprise. Section 1962(c) operates equally to both "insiders" and 23 "outsiders" who participate directly or indirectly in the conduct of the enterprise's 24 affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity. All Defendants named in this Count are employed by or associated with the enterprise, as set forth in detail previously. 25

26 208. They conduct and participate in the operation or management of the 27 pyramid scheme through a pattern of racketeering activity, by conducting the affairs and supporting the acts of the pyramid scheme. Jeff, Renee, and Amber use the assets 28

1 of Nerium to direct, in whole or part, the affairs of the pyramid scheme, including the 2 operation of the pyramid scheme and the distribution of unlawful profits to individuals associated with the scheme. Jeff, Renee, and Amber control and direct the websites, 3 4 web presentations, events, sponsored conventions and speeches of each of them, and the dissemination of video of same, and the individual promoter Defendants named 5 6 in this Count. Should joined this part of the operation in approximately 2013. They 7 then have an ascertainable structure separate and apart from the pattern of racketeering activity. 8

9 209. Olson has directed the Company to disburse over time more than \$3.5 million in Company funds to an entity called FARC, LLC. In the spring of 2015, 10 11 Nerium's CFO, Lori Jones, discovered a collection of these mysterious payments (in 12 \$15k and \$150k increments) scattered and buried in a Company ledger of over 13 100,000 entries.

210. After this discovery, Lori Jones and Joe Nester asked Jeff Branch (the 14 Company's Chief Financial Officer) to explain who FARC was and what services or 15 goods it was providing to the Company. Mr. Branch stated that the expenditures were 16 not something Nerium should concern itself with. He directed further inquiry to the 17 Company's General Counsel, Eric Haynes. When asked the same question, Mr. 18 Haynes responded that FARC was engaged for "business development purposes," and 19 refused to explain more. In fact, Olson bound the Company to a secret agreement with 20 his long-time friend Steve Bright, to transfer enormous wealth from the Company to Bright, through FARC. FARC was created on August 26, 2011 for the apparent purpose of receiving these payments. That same day, Bright's wife Vicki entered into the agreement whereby Olson purportedly (1) transferred 3% ownership in the Company to FARC; (2) agreed to pay FARC 5% of the revenues Olson received from the sale of promotional items or sales tools under the Company Agreement; and (3) agreed to retroactively place a phony sales distributorship at the top of the Company's sales pyramid, whereby FARC would be paid commissions as one of the top earning 28 sales distributors without actually performing services as a sales distributor for the Company. In exchange for these lucrative promises of Company cash, FARC tendered just "ten dollars and other good and valuable consideration."

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211. The other promoters are also "employed by or associated with" each other and the remaining Defendants for purposes of RICO. They conduct and participate in the operation or management of the pyramid scheme through a pattern of racketeering activity, by conducting the affairs and supporting the acts of the pyramid scheme. They receive payments and benefits for operating at or near the top of the "downline" pyramid, engage in wholesale recruiting at the direction of Nerium. Jeff, Renee, Amber, communicate regularly with Nerium, regarding personal appearances at recruiting conventions, operate websites that induce innocent people to engage in the illegal pyramid, and cooperate with the other Defendants to lend their names to promotional materials, make false statements, and in some instances, appear in the internet reality series. While appearing as ostensible "independent" distributors for purposes of convincing innocent recruits to join the "business opportunity," each of them takes direction from and is in contact with each other and Jeff Renee, and Amber.

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D. All RICO Persons Are Distinct From The RICO Enterprise

212. RICO requires the involvement of a RICO "enterprise." 18 U.S.C. § 1964 (a-d). An "enterprise" includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity, and any union or group of individuals associated in fact although not a legal entity." 18 U.S.C. § 1961(5).

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213. The enterprise itself is not the liable entity, rather it is the RICO person who conducts the affairs of the enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity. Nerium and the individual Defendants described in this complaint are distinct from each other. The individual Defendants are distinct from the corporate defendant. The corporate Defendant is distinct from the RICO enterprise because it is functionally separate, performs different roles within the enterprise and uses its separate legal

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incorporation to facilitate racketeering activity. For example, Nerium operates legally
 in part by selling its products to consumers without operating as a pyramid scheme.

3 214. Besides paying the salaries of Amber and Renee, Jeff and Nerium also 4 created phony distributorship positions for them, placing them at the top of the 5 pyramid of brand partners where they could receive monthly "commission" checks as 6 leading distributors – without actually distributing anything. To hide these payments, phantom distributor names were entered into the Nerium accounting system - for 7 Amber, the distributorship was called "Gator Marketing," for Renee, the 8 9 distributorship was called "Chill Development." Secret payments to Gator Marketing exceeded \$1,000,000 per year and payments to Chill Development exceeded 10 11 \$700,000 per year. Renee also received a payment of \$347,000 which was booked as 12 a bridge loan for "Stone & Bruce."

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E. The Defendants Engaged In Activities Which Affect Interstate Commerce

15 215. Each of the Defendants named in this Count engaged in, and/or each
others' activities affect, interstate or foreign commerce. The pyramid scheme has
operated in the United States, and originated domestic business contracts with people
living in Japan, Columbia, and Hong Kong. Most recently Nerium is marketing and
creating domestic business opportunities for those residing in Australia.

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F. The Defendants Participated In The Conduct of the Enterprise's Affairs

22 216. Each of the Defendants named in this Count conducted, or participated
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G. The Defendants Engaged In A "Pattern of Racketeering Activity" Over An Extended Period of Time With A Threat of Repetition Into The Future

27 217. RICO requires a "pattern of racketeering activity." A "pattern of
28 racketeering activity" is one that is performed by at least two acts of racketeering

activity, or violations of a "predicate" offense (an act "indictable under any of" certain
provisions of" 18. U.S.C. § 1961(1)(D)). See 18 U.S.C. § 1961(5). A "pattern of
racketeering activity" can be a past conduct that by its nature projects into the future
with a threat of repetition. It can also be conduct over a closed period through a series
of related predicates extending over a substantial period. Both of these apply here.

218. The Defendants' pattern of racketeering activity is well-established and 6 7 has continued from 2011 to the present and intends to continue into the future. The 8 Defendants have taken every imaginable step to sell the pyramid program to Business 9 Partners and potential Business Partners. They each also expect to continue to receive income from the pyramid scheme. With each new person recruited, the Defendants 10 11 increase the value of their control of the pyramid scheme. The Defendants have 12 stated their intentions to continue to grow the pyramid throughout the United States, 13 and have expanded. They have announced an intention to market to other persons in 14 2017. It is certain that their conduct is a continuing threat due to their racketeering 15 activities.

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 H. Defendants Have Used And Caused To Be Used Fraudulent Mail and Wire Communications In Interstate Commerce, 18 U.S.C. § 1341 AND 18 U.S.C. § 1343

19 219. Mail and wire fraud are enumerated predicate acts that can constitute
20 RICO "racketeering activity" under Section 1961(1)(D).

21 220. Mail fraud occurs when an individual devises a plot to defraud and
22 subsequently uses the mail in furtherance of it. 18 U.S.C. § 1341.

221. The Defendants named in this Count have transmitted, caused to be
224 transmitted or invited others to transmit marketing material and income disclosure
235 materials, by mail or private or commercial carriers, such as UPS, for the purpose of
26 executing their scheme or artifice to defraud in violation of RICO. Likewise, they
27 have distributed promotional literature, statements, checks, and other mailings all
28 between 2011 and the present by mail. Without limitation, each statement sent

1 monthly to an Brand Partner distributor is a mailing and an act of mail fraud, and each 2 promotional literature sent by U.S. Mail is a mailing and an act of mail fraud.

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222. Wire fraud occurs when an individual devises a plot to defraud and subsequently uses wire means in furtherance of it. 18 U.S.C. § 1343. The defendants have used the Internet since 2011 to disseminate, publish and spread the pyramid scheme throughout the United States and to Hong Kong, Japan and Columbia for the purpose of executing their scheme or artifice to defraud in violation of RICO. Thus, the Defendants have transmitted, caused to be transmitted and invited others to transmit, by means of wire in interstate commerce, writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds for the purpose of executing their scheme or artifice to defraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1343.

12 223. Without limitation, for example, each transmission of a video to be 13 posted on YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook, Wechat, Google, Pinterest, Instagram, Linkedin, or through Twitter, or establishment of a website to disseminate 14 15 information about the pyramid scheme or transmission of signals, pictures or 16 information to such website is a separate act of wire fraud.

17 224. Defendants committed at least two predicate acts of mail and/or wire fraud relevant to this Count. These, along with factual allegations against other 18 19 Defendants, are described throughout this Complaint.

20 225. Each of the Defendants named in this Count acted with requisite intent 21 to establish, perpetuate and/or carry out the pyramid scheme to defraud. Each 22 Defendant named in this Count acted with either specific intent to defraud or with 23 such recklessness with respect to the false or misleading information mailed or wired 24 in furtherance of the pyramid scheme as to constitute requisite scienter to commit mail 25 and wire fraud.

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226. Nerium represents you can earn "\$10,000 per month just for having fun." 27 227. That scienter can be inferred from, among other things at least the 28 following: (a) Various third parties and business partners of Nerium have asserted

1 publicly and in litigation, that Nerium is a pyramid scheme during its short history, 2 (b) many consumers have complained to the FTC that Nerium constitutes an illegal 3 pyramid scheme (c) promoters and marketers of Nerium, including Batchelorette star Michael Turnbull have stated in a "Current Affair" television show aired in Australia 4 5 in 2016: "I certainly wouldn't intentionally get into a pyramid scheme if that's what this business [Nerium] is." (d) Defendant Jeff was directly involved in the financing 6 7 and active management of the Nerium company and individually knew and/or 8 recklessly disregarded that the operation of that entity was an illegal pyramid 9 scheme; (e) Jeff Olson is a veteran of the network marketing industry and was 10 involved in multiple allegations of their companies operating as a pyramid scheme; 11 (f) There is a network industry awareness that the FTC has closed down similar 12 operations for being an illegal pyramid (for example BurnLounge, Vemma, Equinox 13 and others) and (g) an awareness on the part of each of these Defendants that 14 recruiting others into a particular sales scheme has been deemed by the FTC and 15 courts to be an illegal pyramid scheme.

16 228. A number of the Individual Promoter Defendants are also in the separate
17 business of assisting new recruits on how to themselves recruit others. Some of the
18 individual Promotor Defendants use fake testimonials to market the products of
19 Nerium. These Defendants therefore have for years had an opportunity to understand
20 that their participation in the Nerium scheme is an illegal pyramid and/or recklessly
21 disregarded the notion and consciously participated in an illegal pyramid scheme.

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I. The Defendants' Promotion of the Pyramid Is A Per Se Scheme To Defraud Under The Mail And Wire Fraud Statutes

24 229. The Defendants named in this Count have used a false and fraudulent
25 scheme, or a scheme to defraud within the meaning of federal law, to harm Plaintiffs
26 and the class. In all respects, these Defendants have conducted their affairs
27 unlawfully, intentionally, willfully and with intent to defraud, that is, knowingly and
28 with such specific intent to deceive as is in violation of the mail and wire fraud

statutes. They have done so in order to cause financial gain for themselves and for 2 others, all to the detriment of Plaintiffs and the class.

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230. First, each Defendant named in this Count has promoted the pyramid scheme that, by its very nature, is a per se scheme and artifice to defraud to obtain money by false pretenses. As detailed in this complaint, all Defendants named in this Count have promoted and successfully expanded the pyramid scheme to victimize the named Plaintiffs and the class. Each of the enumerated acts of wire and mail fraud in furtherance of the pyramid scheme is of act racketeering. an Second, as part of the pyramid scheme, the Defendants named in this Count made numerous false statements in furtherance of the scheme.

11 231. Examples of the falsity of these statements include: (a) creating and 12 disseminating the false impression that through the pyramid scheme, Business 13 Partners like Plaintiffs and the class can get "free" Lexus', and/or can get a sizeable 14 monthly or "residual" income; (b) creating and disseminating the false impression that the Business Partners program has enormous or unlimited income potential and 15 16 that the Business Partners can make enormous money as a result of participating as a 17 promoter for the program; (c) creating and disseminating the false impression that the 18 Business Partners' is an opportunity that one can make money while partying.

19 232. Further, the Defendants created and disseminated the false impression 20 that there are many available persons who will want to purchase the age-defying 21 products and that the purchase of a Business Partner enrollment will enable the 22 purchaser to make money from legitimate sales. In reality, the defendants know that 23 sales of the age-defying products are made almost exclusively to people who are 24 promoters.

25 233. Further, the Defendants created and disseminated the false impression 26 that the success stories featured by Nerium are typical or, in some cases, even possible 27 when defendants knew that the persons portrayed were falsely portrayed, persons 28 portrayed were being paid (unreal) amounts of money for committing an illegal activity and/or were assisted by the defendants in setting up a sufficiently large
 "downline" that the income generated was in fact large.

3 234. Third, as part of the pyramid scheme the Defendants named in this Count 4 omitted material facts for the purpose of and with the intention of the fraudulent 5 pyramid scheme by obtaining money from the victims. Examples of these omissions 6 include: (a) failure to reveal that the multilevel marketing program and its Business 7 Partner program are illegal pyramid schemes but instead propagate the statements and 8 impression that it is a legal enterprise; (b) failure to reveal that under compensation 9 plan that the majority of the Brand Partners have and likely will lose their money; (c) failure to disclose that many of the top Brand Partners earners paraded by the 10 11 company (at company-sponsored spectacles and through other publicly disseminated 12 events, videos, documents, and other media) as examples of what Brand Partners can 13 hope to attain through following the Nerium compensation plan were in fact 14 already well established salespeople for other network companies who were recruited 15 to bring large, preexisting "downlines" by the company and were placed in their positions, aided in their attainment of their Nerium ranks, and/or otherwise 16 17 compensated beyond what is paid to ordinary Brand Partners under the Compensation 18 Plan; (d) failure to reveal that the company knowingly spread unreal and misleading 19 accounts and claims of the success of its upper level executives, all in an effort to 20 attract new Brand Partners, but avoid disclosing a direct connection between the 21 statements and Nerium.

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J. Plaintiffs and the Classes Have Proximately Suffered RICO Injury To Business

24 235. A "violation" of RICO is committed if "individuals and entities," use the
25 mails or interstate wire facilities in the execution of "any scheme to defraud." 18
26 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 1343, Sections 1961(1) (B), 1962. Sections 1964 (a), (c) and (d)
27 authorize persons "injured" in their "business or property," "by reason of" RICO's

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"violation" to sue for appropriate redress, including equity relief, treble damages and 1 2 attorneys' fees.

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236. Each of the Plaintiffs (and the class sought to be certified) suffered a loss of money composed of the cost they paid to become an IP, together with the website fees, administrative fees, and the cost of merchandise purchased as samples and for purposes of operating the alleged "business opportunity," and the amount they recovered as commissions or other payments. Jia has lost over \$1,200, while Sormillon lost in excess of \$600. The losses were proximately caused by the actions described in this Count, and may be presumed from, among other things, the presumption that no one would knowingly join an illegal pyramid scheme.

11 237. The precise amount lost by the class sought to be certified has not yet 12 been determined but is believed to be significant. It is believed that each of the 13 unwitting participants in the pyramid scheme sought to be certified as a class has lost 14 \$50 to well over \$5,000 as a result of purchasing their Brand Partner distribution 15 rights. Upon information and belief, the precise amounts that each and every 16 participant in the pyramid scheme has spent on (1) costs associated with the Brand Partner "business opportunity" and (2) has received in commissions or bonuses or 17 18 other payments from Nerium as a result has been tracked, maintained and accounted 19 for by Nerium through a proprietary software database. Thus, the precise loss of every 20 class member is easily capable of being ascertained in this litigation, and the total 21 business injury capable of being computed for the class.

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22 238. The predicate acts set forth in this Count each were mailings and/or wire transmission of material in furtherance of the promotion of the pyramid scheme. Each of these predicate acts was intended to falsely convey the impression to people like 25 Plaintiffs that participation as a Nerium Brand Partners was legal; that they had a 26 reasonable opportunity to make money; that people just like them were able to make 27 generous income; and that the commissions or bonuses they would receive would 28 come from the sale of desirable product. The loss suffered by the Plaintiffs and the

1 class was foreseeable and a direct result of the establishment, promotion, and 2 expansion of the pyramid scheme by the Defendants named in this Count. A pyramid 3 scheme depends on continued expansion by continual recruiting of innocent people 4 who do not realize that the only way in which they can achieve the benefits 5 represented by the pyramid scheme's promoters is to recruit and victimize other innocent people into joining. In reality, like all pyramid schemes, the Compensation 6 7 Plan and all aspects of the promotion of the pyramid scheme were based on recruiting 8 over product sales, and depended on the known existence of money-losers (like the Plaintiffs and the class) to pay the small group of "winners" inherent in any pyramid 9 scheme. There is a clear causal connection between the promotion and recruiting 10 11 predicate acts alleged above and the injury suffered by the Plaintiffs and the class.

12 239. The predicate acts attributed to Nerium, Jeff, Renee, and Amber, also 13 include the creation and dissemination of the Compensation Plan. Under the Nerium 14 Compensation Plan, as set forth above, innocent participants could only make money 15 by recruiting others who in turn would recruit others. This was a necessary feature of the Plan, understood as such by all of the Defendants named in this Count. It was the 16 17 goal of each of these Defendants that Plaintiffs subscribe, by the payment of money to Nerium, to the Compensation Plan. The payment of bonuses and commissions to 18 19 promoters who were recruiters of participants in the pyramid scheme, like the Plaintiffs and the class, was an intended part of the Nerium Compensation Plan. Each 20 21 of the named Plaintiffs were placed by Nerium in a pyramid "downline" whose top 22 slot was occupied by Jeff. Each of the payments made by the Plaintiffs to purchase 23 Brand Partner distribution rights and product, as well as payments they made for 24 website usage, resulted in payment of a bonus or commission payment that was made, 25 directly or indirectly, to Nerium, Jeff, Renee, and Amber, directly authorized and/or 26 approved of the dissemination of the Nerium compensation plan that was made a part 27 of the Brand Partner distribution rights purchased by the Plaintiffs. The dissemination 28 of the Nerium compensation plan, together with predicate acts that purported to

1 falsely emphasize the features of the compensation plan (for example, without revealing that under the plan there would be many more "losers" than "winners") was 2 3 in furtherance of the scheme. Plaintiffs lost money by participating in the compensation plan. But for the illegal nature of the bonus and commission payments 4 5 set forth by the compensation plan, Plaintiffs and others would not have lost money. Plaintiffs' losses thus were a direct and proximate cause of their intended 6 7 participation in the compensation plan authored and/or approved by each of these 8 Defendants.

9 240. A pyramid scheme depends on recruitment of innocent people. The predicate acts attributed to the promoter Defendants are primarily those that concern 10 11 the promotion of the scheme and luring innocent people to join the business 12 opportunity. The promoters had an incentive to spread the word. The payment of 13 bonuses and commissions to promoters who were recruiters of more participants was 14 part of the scheme. In 2013 to 2016, many of the other promoters were named a 15 directors eligible to collect revenue from company-wide sales, including sales made to new recruits like Jia and Sormillon. It is believed that these individuals were also 16 Plaintiffs' "uplines," and therefore these individuals also received a commission 17 payment, either directly by virtue of being in Plaintiffs' "upline" or indirectly, from 18 19 the money paid by Plaintiffs. But for the illegal nature of the bonus and commission 20 payments set forth by the "business opportunity" and the recruiting materials, ads or 21 promotions made by these Defendants, directed to Plaintiffs and members of the class 22 who were invited to meetings such as those attended by the Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs and 23 others would not have lost money. The dissemination of the Nerium "business opportunity," by these Defendants together with predicate acts that purported to 24 25 spread the impression that joining the Nerium "business opportunity" or that resulted 26 in the recruitment of Plaintiffs, directly or indirectly, proximately caused Plaintiffs' 27 and the class losses.

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1 241. Jeff/Renee/Amber: (1) serving as the co-founders and principal creators 2 of the pyramid scheme, (2) creating and/or approving the creation of the 3 Compensation Plan which pays primarily for recruiting, (3) creating and disseminating countless promotional materials, videos, and public appearances 4 5 designed to further and expand the pyramid scheme in the United States and abroad, (4) making contractual arrangements with third persons to provide capital to expand 6 the pyramid scheme and to lend the scheme an air of legitimacy, (5) making deals 7 8 with professional network marketers to pay them hidden inducements and/or assign 9 them "downlines" as an inducement to further the expansion of the pyramid scheme, (6) acting as the "top" distributor and accepting tens of millions of dollars as gains 10 11 from the pyramid scheme.

242. Shouhed: (1) accepting payments and/or other inducements, including 12 13 being given or assigned a "downline" by Jeff/Renee/Amber upon becoming a Nerium 14 distributor; (2) performing recruiting acts on behalf of Nerium and the enterprise 15 when he knew or reasonably should have known that he was promoting a pyramid 16 scheme, (3) appearing in print and electronic promotions to give legitimacy to the idea 17 that anyone could achieve six- and seven- figure success in the "business opportunity" when they knew that their own success and financial payments were the result of 18 19 hidden arrangements that would not be made available to persons who were being 20 recruited.

21 243. The Defendants named in this Count used false and fraudulent means
22 and conducted their affairs unlawfully, intentionally, willfully and with the intent to
23 defraud, for their own financial gain and benefit and for the financial gain and benefit
24 of others, all to the detriment of Jia, Sormillon, and others that purchased the Brand
25 Partner program.

26 244. Each of the Defendants named in this Count has violated Section 1962(c)
27 and is liable, jointly and severally, for the business injury caused to the Plaintiffs and
28 the class by his or her actions.

1	<u>COUNT VI</u>
2	(RICO 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) AND ARE IN VIOLATION OF 18 U.S.C. §§
3	1961(5), 1962(d))
4	(Plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and the Class Against All Defendants including
5	DOES 1 through 10)
6	245. Section 1962(d) makes it "unlawful for any person to conspire to violate
7	any of the provisions of subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section."
8	246. Plaintiffs re-state the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth here.
9	247. Each of the Defendants named in this Count have participated in a
10	conspiracy to violate Count Five.
11	248. Each of the Defendants named in this Count has participated in the
12	pyramid scheme and their participation is necessarily a combination of more than two
13	individuals.
14	249. The roles of all of the Defendants named in this Count are set forth in
15	Count V.
16	250. Defendants' and nonparty entities' creation, support or maintenance of
17	the pyramid scheme is illegal.
18	251. The Defendants named in this Count had a meeting of the minds on the
19	object or course of action, specifically to create, support and maintain the pyramid
20	scheme for their financial benefit as evidenced by each Defendant's voluntary and
21	knowing participation in the pyramid scheme. These agreements and understandings
22	are described in Count V.
23	252. Each of the Defendants named in this Count and others have committed
24	one or more overt acts to achieve or further the unlawful objects and purposes of the
25	pyramid scheme detailed herein. They include the following:
26	253. Jeff/Renee/Amber: (1) serving as the co-founders and principal creators
27	of the pyramid scheme, (2) creating and/or approving the creation of the
28	Compensation Plan which pays primarily for recruiting, (3) creating and

1 disseminating countless promotional materials, videos, and public appearances 2 designed to further and expand the pyramid scheme in the United States and abroad, 3 (4) making contractual arrangements with third persons to provide capital to expand the pyramid scheme and to lend the scheme an air of legitimacy, (5) making deals 4 with professional network marketers to pay them hidden inducements and/or assign 5 them "downlines" as an inducement to further the expansion of the pyramid scheme, 6 (6) acting as the "top" distributor and accepting tens of millions of dollars as gains 7 8 from the pyramid scheme.

9 254. Shouhed: (1) accepting payments and/or other inducements, including being given or assigned a "downline" by Jeff/Renee/Amber upon becoming a Nerium 10 11 distributor; (2) performing recruiting acts on behalf of Nerium and the enterprise 12 when he knew or reasonably should have known that he was promoting a pyramid 13 scheme, (3) appearing in print and electronic promotions to give legitimacy to the idea 14 that anyone could achieve six- and seven- figure success in the "business opportunity" 15 when they knew that their own success and financial payments were the result of hidden arrangements that would not be made available to persons who were being 16 recruited. 17

18 255. The Defendants named in this Count used false and fraudulent means
and conducted their affairs unlawfully, intentionally, willfully and with the intent to
defraud, for their own financial gain and benefit and for the financial gain and benefit
of others, all to the detriment of Jia, Sormillon and others that purchased the Brand
Partners. These acts, intent and losses are set forth in Count V.

23 256. Each of the Defendants named in this Count has violated Section
24 1962(c) and is liable, jointly and severally, for the business injury caused to the
25 Plaintiffs and the class by his or her actions.

COUNT VIII

Unjust Enrichment

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(Plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and the Classes Against Defendants Jeff, Renee, Amber, including DOES 1 through 10)

257. Plaintiffs and the classes repeat and re-allege every allegation above as if set forth herein in full.

271. Unjust enrichment occurs when a plaintiff confers a benefit to the defendant, the Defendant accepts and retains the benefit, and Defendant does not pay the Plaintiff the value of the benefit.

8 272. The Individual Defendants named in this Count have been unjustly 9 enriched at the expense of, and to the detriment of, Plaintiff and the members of the 10 class in that the financial benefits obtained by them came as a result of their promotion 11 of the unlawful pyramid scheme. The financial benefits they obtained came from the 12 Plaintiff and the members of the class, who unwittingly participated in the pyramid 13 scheme and naturally and inevitably lost money in the process. The unjustly-obtained 14 benefits are comprised of the following three categories of gains.

15 273. First, the Individuals Defendants named in this Count made contractual 16 agreements with each other and with other third-parties that depended on the success 17 of the pyramid scheme. The Individual Defendants took active steps to expand the 18 scope of the pyramid scheme, and increased the number of participants—and 19 therefore the number of inevitable "losers" in order to maximize the amounts each 20 would get. These Defendants were able to obtain payouts under the contracts on the 21 backs of the Plaintiffs.

22 274. Second, the Individual Defendants, together with their controlled
23 entities, their children, and other parties have each been enriched in significant
24 amounts as a result of the performance of their various illegal duties. Regardless of in
25 what year, each of the Individual Defendants were "upline" from the Plaintiff and the
26 class, and thus, as a matter of the compensation plan implemented by Nerium,
27 obtained bonuses and commissions, which were necessarily funded by a portion of
28 the Plaintiff's (and the classes) purchase of distributorships, and purchase of product.

1 These payments were thus, directly funded by the Plaintiff by virtue of the 2 compensation system paying commissions and bonuses "upline" to promoters at the 3 top of the pyramid. The value of these benefits can be computed but is presently 4 unknown. But for the illegal Compensation Plan and the commission of the illegal 5 pyramid scheme, the Individual Defendants could not have obtained the funds that 6 came to them via the Compensation Plan.

7 275. Third, in addition to the unjust benefits, Jeff, Renee, and Amber have
8 obtained as a result of being upline at the top of the Nerium Pyramid, they have also
9 received a compensation in an amount equaling in the millions based on their
10 executive position in the pyramid scheme. The monies that they received, in part to
11 pay these salaries, came from Plaintiff's (or the class) payments for the same reasons
12 as set forth above.

13 276. The revenue that resulted in these payments came directly from the
14 payments made by Plaintiff and the class. It would be unjust to permit these
15 Defendants to retain these ill-gotten gains.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

17 The named Plaintiffs and the Plaintiffs' class and subclasses request the18 following relief:

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a. Certification of the class and subclasses;

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b. A jury trial and judgment against Defendants;

c. Rescission of the agreements, invoices, open accounts, receipts, and
open book accounts, upon which the scheme is based, and recovery of all
consideration paid pursuant to the scheme, less any amounts paid or consideration
provided to the participant pursuant to the scheme;

d. Damages for the financial losses incurred by Plaintiffs and by the class
and subclasses because of the Nerium and the Individual Defendants' conduct and for
injury to their business and property;

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- e. Restitution and disgorgement of monies;

1	f. Temporary and permanent injunctive relief enjoining Nerium from							
2	paying its Distributors recruiting rewards that are unrelated to retail sales to ultimate							
3	users and from further unfair, unlawful, fraudulent and/or deceptive acts;							
4	g. The cost of suit including reasonable attorneys' fees under California							
5	Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, Civil Code §1689.2, and otherwise by law;							
6	h. Punitive damages;							
7	i. Treble damages pursuant to RICO;							
8	j. For damages in an amount yet to be ascertained as allowed by law; and							
9	k. For such other damages, relief and pre- and post-judgment interest as the							
10	Court may deem just and proper.							
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3	similarly situated, hereby request a jury trial on all matters so triable.									
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Compensation Plan

United States

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Welcome to the Nerium Family

Nerium International exists for a single purpose: to make people better. Since this translates into improving people's lives both inside and out, we are proud to reward you with a lucrative, innovative way to earn income.

YOUR INITIAL GOALS IN STARTING YOUR NERIUM BUSINESS ARE:

- Become 3UR Free Qualified: Sponsor and maintain three Preferred Customers and your next month's Nerium product ADO (Auto-Delivery Order) is free!
- 2. Fast Start Qualify in your first 30 days and earn an FSQ Bonus.

On an ongoing basis, you will build your Nerium business by sharing and selling Nerium's exclusive products and building a team of Brand Partners that do the same. Our Compensation Plan is based upon a business model that leverages relationship marketing.

Relationship Marketing

Whether face-to-face or online, relationship marketing is how business is done in today's world. People work with those they know, like and trust, which makes word-of-mouth, or relationship marketing, the most effective business model available.

Rather than investing in traditional advertising (like TV, radio or billboards), Nerium rewards its Brand Partners for telling others about our products. It's a win-win marketing solution that works!

BRAND PARTNERS EARN INCOME IN TWO WAYS:

- 1. Build a customer base and earn up to 10–25% commissions.
- 2. Build a team of Brand Partners and earn commissions and bonuses based on their product sales to customers and their volume.

All commissions and bonuses defined in this document are paid in U.S. dollars

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Immediate Focuses

Focus #1: Become Fast Start Qualified

The Fast Start Qualify (FSQ) Bonus is only available during your first 30 days. It is important to take action immediately to start growing your business and earn this bonus!

The FSQ Bonus rewards not only Brand Partners who Fast Start Qualify, but their Personal Sponsor and Senior Director, as well. It is designed to recognize and reward the hard work and effort it takes to Fast Start Qualify and to acknowledge the important role upline team members play in this process.

During your first 30 days, you must meet the criteria in Option 1 or Option 2 in order to Fast Start Qualify:

OPTION 1

- 1. Must maintain personal volume requirements in order to be Active.
- 2. Generate 500 in Personal Qualifying Volume (PQV). PQV can be generated by personal product purchases and sales to retail and Preferred Customers.
- 3. Personally sponsor a minimum of three new, Active Brand Partners and place them in three separate legs.
- 4. Generate a total of 2,000 Qualifying Volume (QV) from the combination of your PQV and your personally sponsored Brand Partners' PQV. A maximum of 1,000 QV can be generated from PQV and a maximum of 1,000 QV can be generated from each personally sponsored Brand Partner's PQV.



OPTION 2

- 1. Must maintain personal volume requirements in order to be Active.
- 2. Must personally enroll nine (9) new Preferred Customers.
- 3. Must generate a total of 1,000 in Auto-Delivery Volume or more.



If upgrading from Preferred Customer to Brand Partner, only PCs enrolled after upgrading will count.

FSQ Bonus

You will receive the FSQ Bonus if, as a new Brand Partner, you meet all the requirements to Fast Start Qualify in 30 days. You will also then rank up to Senior Brand Partner. You will be paid either \$150 or \$75, depending on which FSQ option you qualify for first.

IF YOU FSQ'D WITH OPTION 1

You will receive a \$150 bonus. The FSQ Brand Partner's Personal Sponsor will receive \$50 if they are Active the week the Brand Partner Fast Start Qualifies. The first "Paid As" Senior Director in the Placement Tree will also receive \$50. If the Personal Sponsor is also the first qualified Senior Director above the FSQ Brand Partner, the Personal Sponsor will be paid both upline bonuses for a total of \$100.



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IF YOU FSQ'D WITH OPTION 2

You will receive a \$75 bonus. The FSQ Brand Partner's Personal Sponsor will receive \$25 if they are Active the week the Brand Partner Fast Start Qualifies. The first "Paid As" Senior Director in the Placement Tree will also receive \$25. If the Personal Sponsor is also the first qualified Senior Director above the FSQ Brand Partner, the Personal Sponsor will be paid both upline bonuses for a total of \$50.



HOW IS THE BONUS PAID?

The FSQ Bonus will be paid in your weekly check. The Brand Partner, Personal Sponsor and Senior Director bonus will each be paid out in the week that the new Brand Partner Fast Start Qualifies. The amount paid will reflect the amount earned under either Option 1 or Option 2.

Focus #2: Qualify for 3UR Free

Nerium provides an innovative opportunity for you to receive your monthly product for free through our 3UR Free program!*

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Brand Partners and Preferred Customers can participate in the 3UR Free program and qualify to receive monthly product for free! In order to participate, the following qualifications must be met:

1. Must maintain personal volume requirements in order to be Active.

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- 2. Must have at least three Preferred Customers, each with fully paid ADOs, being shipped each calendar month.
- 3. The earned credit will apply towards the next month's ADO order.**



Immediate Ways to Earn

To be eligible to earn income in the Nerium International Compensation Plan you simply need to remain Active each calendar month.

You can remain Active by:[†]

- Maintaining 200 in PQV in product sales to personal customers.
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- Maintaining 80 in PQV from a personal product ADO.

1. Retail Sales

Brand Partners can sell Nerium products online and in person to earn a retail profit. You will earn the difference between the price paid by the customer and the Brand Partner. For example, if a retail order equals \$200 and the Brand Partner price is \$150, then a retail profit of \$50 will be earned.

You can also sell Nerium products at retail value from your personal inventory. You would earn the difference between the price you paid and the suggested retail price. No further commissions are paid out on sales you make from your personal inventory.

^{*}Brand Partner will only pay cost of shipping and handling and all applicable taxes. **Your 3UR Free Credit will be calculated by adding up your Preferred Customers' qualifying orders, then dividing by three.

These qualifications apply to Brand Partner through Director ranks. See page 11 for qualifications for Senior Director and above.

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2. Customer Acquisition Bonus

For each new Preferred Customer that enrolls with an Auto-Delivery Order, you will earn a Customer Acquisition Bonus (CAB) for their initial order. Their ADO will process the following month.

You can earn higher levels of Customer Acquisition Bonuses in two ways: You can advance in rank, or you can acquire more Preferred Customers. You will receive the higher of the two in your commissions.

CAB by Rank Advancement

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	Brand Partner	Senior Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director and Above
Percentage Earned		30%	35%	40%

CAB by Preferred Customer

	3 Preferred Customers	6 Preferred Customers	9 Preferred Customers
Percentage Earned	30%	35%	40%

3. Personal Customer Commissions

Personal Customer Commissions are paid in addition to retail commissions, and are based on all purchases that generate Personal Qualifying Volume (PQV).* This includes sales to Preferred Customers, retail customers and purchases made for your personal use and sales inventory needs.

When your personal purchases and customer sales exceed 200 in Customer Commissionable Volume (CCV) in a calendar month, you earn 10–25% commission on the total monthly CCV. The first 10% of the Personal Customer Commission is paid in the Weekly Bonus Period, while the balance is paid in the Monthly Bonus Period.

Personal purchases, retail customer sales and Preferred Customer Auto-Delivery Orders, subsequent to their first order, count towards total CCV.

CCV Earnings

Customer Commissionable Volume (CCV)	Earning Potential
201–400	10%
401–1000	15%
1001+	25%

For example, if you accumulate 1,008 in CCV in one month, then 1,008 CCV - 200 minimum CCV = 808 CCV, and 808 CCV x 25% = \$202 in Personal Customer Commissions.

No Personal Customer Commissions are paid on the first 200 CCV of personal, retail or Preferred Customer orders. All volume up to 200 CCV is credited to upline team commissions at 90% Commissionable Volume (CV).

When the 10% level is reached, the CV credit to upline team commissions is 80%. When the 15% level is reached, the CV credit to upline team commissions is 70%. When the 25% level is reached, the CV credit to upline team commissions is 50%.

4. Pack Bonus

Earn 10–30% each time you sell one or more of the qualifying packs to a new, personally sponsored Brand Partner in a single order within their first 30 days.

This bonus follows the Sponsor Tree and is paid out in the Weekly Bonus Period.

	Brand Partner	Senior Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director
Starter/ Action Pack	10%	15%	20%	24%	26%	28%	30%

*Orders that pay out CAB or Pack Bonuses will not be eligible for Personal Customer Commissions. CAB and Pack Bonuses are paid based on QV.

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Product <u>Rewards</u>

Qualify for 3UR Free

Nerium provides an innovative opportunity for you to receive your monthly product for free through

our innovative 3UR Free program!** See page 5 for information on how to qualify.

Take Advantage of Nerium Gives Back



Earn free product from Nerium by acquiring loyal Brand Partners and Preferred Customers.**

- **1. Enroll** a new Preferred Customer or Brand Partner with an Auto-Delivery Order.
- 2. Earn Nerium Gives Back (NGB) Rewards Points for each qualifying enrolled Preferred Customer or Brand Partner. Points are generated when second consecutive monthly ADO processes for a new personally sponsored Brand Partner or new Preferred Customer.
- 3. Choose any of our Nerium products as an NGB Reward. For example, you will be awarded points by enrolling a new PC with Nerium Firming Body Contour Cream. You can then redeem these points for a Night Cream, EHT or Eye Serum. It's up to you![†]
- **4. Redeem** all or some of your points at your discretion. You decide when you want to use your rewards.

Note: NGB Rewards Points expire 180 days from date of earnings. Refer to the NGB Rewards area in your Online Business Center.

TO QUALIFY, NEW BRAND PARTNERS MUST:

- Maintain personal volume requirements in order to be Active.
- Generate 500 PQV within your first 30 days, or you can qualify by being paid as a Director or higher. Purchasing an optional Starter Pack automatically meets this qualification.

** Brand Partner will only pay cost of shipping and handling and all applicable taxes. †You will be awarded points for the highest point value item on the Auto-Delivery Order.

Incentives and Qualifications

Director 60 Bonus



Get additional rewards as you lead your team to success. When you complete the following in your first 60 days, you may choose either a new Apple iPad, a \$350 cash bonus or six bottles of Age-Defying Night Cream:

- Maintain personal volume requirements in order to be Active.
- Attain 500 PQV in your first 30 days.
- Earn the rank of Director within your first 60 Days.

Lexus Car Bonus

Beginning at Senior Director, you will qualify to earn a Lexus Car Bonus. Nerium will provide your Lexus Car Bonus each month you maintain the rank of Senior Director or higher and remain Active to make the payment on your silver, white or granite Lexus. This bonus is calculated and paid in the Monthly Bonus Period. Please note that you must qualify monthly to be paid monthly. Weekly rank advancements and grace periods do not qualify. See Lexus Bonus Qualifications in your Online Business Center for complete details.



Senior Director	\$500 Car Bonus
Executive Director	\$500 Car Bonus
Regional Marketing Director	\$500 Car Bonus
National Marketing Director	\$750 Car Bonus
1-Star National Marketing Director	\$750 Car Bonus
2-Star National Marketing Director	\$750 Car Bonus
3-Star National Marketing Director	\$1000 Car Bonus

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Potential Long-Term Income[†]

Coaching Commissions

Earn up to a 10% Coaching Commission on Team Commissions, Leadership Development Commissions, Pack Bonuses, Customer Acquisition Bonuses and Differential Bonuses made by each of your personally sponsored Brand Partners.

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Examples	Your Monthly Earnings Before Coaching Commission	Your Personally Sponsored Brand Partner Earnings*	Your Maximum Coaching Commission	How Your Coaching Commission Is Calculated
Example #1 5%	\$100	\$2,800	\$140	You earn 5% Coaching Commission as a non-FSQ Brand Partner or Senior Brand Partner.*
Example #2 10%	\$100	\$2,800	\$280	You earn 10% Coaching Commission as a FSQ Brand Partner, Director or higher.**
Example #3 10%	\$400	\$5,000	\$400	Your Coaching Commission cannot exceed your monthly earnings.
Example #4 10%	\$1,500	\$10,000	\$1,000	Your Coaching Commission is equal to 10% of your personally sponsored Brand Partners' earnings.**

Team Commissions

Team Commissions are based on the Commissionable Volume (CV) generated from product sales made by your team. Your focus as a Brand Partner is to create a strong retail and Preferred Customer base and to build a team of other Brand Partners who create a strong retail and Preferred Customer base. Team commissions start at the Senior Brand Partner position. As your team builds, your Team Commission earnings will increase.

- The higher the rank you achieve, the more generations from which you can earn commissions.
- Commissions are "compressed" to allow you to earn commissions on sales originating deeper within your Senior Brand Partner or higher legs. Only Active Senior Brand Partners or higher count as a generation in the Team Commissions calculation. Brand Partners' Commissionable Volume is therefore added to the next qualified generation.
- Any Customer or Brand Partner volume that is not generated from an Active Senior Brand Partner or higher will "compress" and be counted in the volume of the generation.
- This bonus follows the Placement Tree and is paid in the Monthly Bonus Period.

**Earn up to \$300 or 10% on your personally sponsored Brand Partners' earnings if you have Fast Start Qualified or achieved Director or higher, until your monthly earnings exceed \$300. All commissions and bonuses defined in this document are paid in U.S. dollars.

tLeadership income, including Coaching Commissions, Differential Bonuses, Team Commissions, Live Better Bonus and Leadership Development Bonus, require personal volume requirement to meet Active status. *Earn up to \$150 or 5% as a non-FSQ Brand Partner or Senior Brand Partner.

Team Commissions:

		Senior Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director	1-Star National Marketing Director and Above
	1	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	2	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	3	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	4		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Senior Brand	5			5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Partner - Generations	6				5%	5%	5%	5%
Generations	7					2%	2%	2%
	8					2%	2%	2%
	9						1%	3%
	10						1%	3%

Differential Bonuses

Depending on your rank, earn a Differential Bonus each time one of your downline Brand Partners enrolls a new Preferred Customer or sells one of the qualifying packs to a new Brand Partner.

To qualify for Differential Bonuses, an upline must achieve 500 PQV in their first 30 days or earn the rank of Director or higher.

These bonuses follow the Sponsorship Tree and are paid in the Weekly Bonus Period.



Live Better Bonus

Pack Differential Bonus Example:



National Marketing Director [™] \$50,000	3-Star National Marketing Director [™] \$150,000	5-Star National Marketing Director ^{##} \$375,000	International Marketing Director ^{††} \$750,000	Gold International Marketing Director ¹¹ \$1,500,000
Paid over 24 months	Paid over 18 months	Paid over 27 months	Paid over 36 months	Paid over 36 months
150,000 GQV with three qualifying legs	Three personally sponsored NMD legs	Five personally sponsored NMD legs	Five personally sponsored NMD legs with three personally sponsored 3-Star NMD legs	Five personally sponsored NMD legs with three personally sponsored 5-Star NMD legs

††Must maintain personal NMD qualifications to maintain rank. Must meet all qualifications to earn a Live Better Bonus. Grace Period does not apply.

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Leadership Development Bonus (LDB)

Nerium rewards our leaders for their dedication to their teams through the Leadership Development Bonus. Beginning at 1-Star National Marketing Director, you can earn an extra 1–3% of the Commissionable Volume of your entire organization, down to the next equal or higher ranked Brand Partner.

This bonus follows the Sponsor Tree and is paid in the Monthly Bonus Period.

These **BONUSES** are paid in addition to team **COMMISSIONS!**

1-Star National Marketing Director	2-Star National Marketing Director	3-Star National Marketing Director
Leadership Development Bonus	Leadership Development Bonus	Leadership Development Bonus
1% on Organization	2% on Organization	3% on Organization

Qualifying Volume Periods

Commission Payments

Weekly Payout:

- Pack Bonus
- Personal Customer Commissions (10%)
- Pack Differentials
- Customer Acquisition Bonus
- Fast Start Qualify Bonus

Weekly bonuses will close every Wednesday at 11:59 p.m. CT. Weekly commissions will be calculated and paid the Wednesday following the end of the bonus period.

Monthly Payout:

- Team Commissions
- Coaching Commissions
- Leadership Development Bonus
- Lexus Car Bonus
- Personal Customer Commissions (remaining volume not paid weekly)
- Live Better Bonus

Monthly commission periods will close the last day of each calendar month. Monthly commissions will be calculated and paid on the 15th of the month following the close of the monthly commission period.

Rolling Qualifying Volume (RQV)



NEXT MONTH

You'll start a month with the previous month's 3,000 GQV that rolled over for rank advancements/ rank qualifications.



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Current Month's Total GQV 5,500

Rolling Qualifying Volume (RQV) only applies to your first month of enrollment. The 60% rule applies to all qualifying volume for rank advancements.

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Ranks

You begin at the rank of Brand Partner. When you have reached a rank, you will remain at that rank until you advance. This is called "Highest Achieved" rank. How much you earn and what commissions and bonuses you qualify for are determined by the level of qualifications you meet during a given bonus period. This is called the "Paid As" rank.

In each bonus period, the Paid As rank of a Brand Partner is determined by the qualifications below:

- During Weekly Bonus Periods, you may advance in rank, but your Paid As rank will not go down.
- During Monthly Bonus Periods, your Paid As rank may go up or down based on the qualifications you have met.
- Weekly bonuses will be paid based on whichever is higher: the last monthly bonus period Paid As rank or the current weekly period Paid As rank.

Rank	Brand Partner	Senior Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director	1-Star National Marketing Director	2-Star National Marketing Director	3-Star National Marketing Director
Personal Volume Requirements	80 ADV or 200 PQV Retail	80 ADV or 200 PQV Retail	80 ADV or 200 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail
Monthly Group Qualifying Volume (GQV)		1,500* (60% Rule Applies)	4,500* (60% Rule Applies)	12,500* (60% Rule Applies)	37,500* (60% Rule Applies)	75,000* (60% Rule Applies)	150,000* (60% Rule Applies)			
Number of Separate Active Personally Sponsored Legs in Placement Tree		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Downline Rank Requirements in Separate Personally Sponsored Legs in Placement Tree				3 Senior Brand Partners	3 Senior Brand Partners	3 Directors	3 Directors			
Number of Separate "Paid As" NMDs in Personally Sponsored Legs in Placement Tree								1	2	3

Advanced Rank Qualifications

To attain any of these ranks, you must meet all of the qualifications for 3-Star National Marketing Director, plus the additional qualifications below:

4-Star National Marketing Director

In a calendar month: Must have at least one additional actual-rank National Marketing Director in an Active, personally sponsored Placement Tree leg. At least one of the four actual-rank National Marketing Directors must come from a personally sponsored Placement Tree leg. No more than one National Marketing Director can come from each personally sponsored Enrollment Tree leg.

5-Star National Marketing Director

In a calendar month: Must have at least two additional actual-rank National Marketing Directors in your personally sponsored Placement Tree leg. At least two of the five actual-rank National Marketing Directors must come from a personally sponsored Placement Tree leg. No more than one National Marketing Director can come from each personally sponsored Enrollment Tree leg.

To attain the following ranks, you must meet all of the qualifications for a 5-Star National Marketing Director, plus the additional qualifications below:

International Marketing Director

In a calendar month: Must have one actual-rank 3-Star National Marketing Director in each of three separate Active personally sponsored Placement Tree legs.

Gold International Marketing Director

In a calendar month: Must have one actual-rank 5-Star National Marketing Director in each of three separate Active personally sponsored Placement Tree legs.

ADV = Auto-Delivery Volume

NMD = National Marketing Director PQV = Personal Qualifying Volume

*No more than 60% of GQV may come from a single Placement Tree leg. No more than 2,000 in PQV can count towards your GQV.

Team Structures

Sponsor Tree

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When a new Brand Partner is sponsored, they go into the Sponsor Tree as a Level 1, or downline, to the Brand Partner who sponsored them. Pack Bonuses, Coaching Commissions and Leadership Bonuses are based on the Sponsor Tree.



Personally Sponsored Brand Partners

Placement Tree

When a new Brand Partner is sponsored, they are placed in their sponsor's Placement Suite for a period of 60 days. During that time, the sponsor has the option to place the new Brand Partner into an open position in an existing leg in their Placement Tree. Allowing the Brand Partner to place a new Brand Partner in an open position in the Placement Tree provides an opportunity to increase the sales volume in an existing leg and enables the new Brand Partner to gain additional support from a sales organization that is already in place. Rank advancement and team commissions are based on the sales volume in the Placement Tree.



This is a Placement Tree example and does not reflect what your actual organization might look like.

Nerium International reserves the right to implement changes to the Compensation Plan as needed for the benefit of the Brand Partners and the Company. Every effort will be made to give 30 days advance notice of changes. There are no guarantees regarding income, and the success or failure of each Brand Partner, like in any other business, depends upon each Brand Partner's skills and personal effort.

Glossary

ACTIVE: Brand Partners are considered Active as long as they maintain the required personal volume from fully paid product orders during a calendar month. This required volume (see volume qualification table on page 11) can come from Auto-Delivery Orders (ADO), personal orders and/or the volume from orders placed by personally sponsored retail or Preferred Customers.

ACTIVE ADO: Enrolled in the monthly Automatic-Delivery Order program, with orders scheduled to be created and paid on the same day of every month AND have a fully paid qualified ADO within 31 days of the commission period. An active ADO is a requirement to qualify for some incentive rewards.

AUTO-DELIVERY ORDER (ADO): A preselected product order that is scheduled to be created, paid and shipped at a specific time each month. Auto-Delivery Orders allow products to be purchased at a discounted price.

BRAND PARTNER: A person or company who has filled out the Nerium International application, had their application approved and is in the genealogy. Brand Partner is the first step in rank advancement.

COMPRESSION: Only Active Senior Brand Partners or higher count as a generation in the Team Commissions calculation. Brand Partners' Commissionable Volume is therefore added to the next qualified generation.

CUSTOMER: A Customer is associated with a Brand Partner. A customer cannot sign up other Brand Partners and cannot receive commissions. Nerium International currently has two types of non-Brand Partner customers: a retail customer and a Preferred Customer.

CUSTOMER ACQUISITION BONUS (CAB): For each new Auto-Delivery Order sold to a new Preferred Customer, you will earn a CAB to be paid with weekly commissions.

DOWNLINE: This refers to the Brand Partner(s) below another Brand Partner in the genealogy.

GENEALOGY TREE: This is the Company's overall structure that indicates how and where Brand Partners are placed. The Company supports both a sponsor and placement unilevel/generational genealogy tree structures.

SPONSOR TREE: Your personally sponsored Brand Partners will always be on Level 1 of your Sponsor Tree. The Brand Partners whom they sponsor will always be on Level 2 of your Sponsor Tree.

PLACEMENT TREE: Personally sponsored Brand Partners may be placed in the downline of your Placement Tree in order to increase the volume in a leg. Rank advancements are based on the total volume generated in each leg of the Placement Tree.

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GRACE PERIOD: When a Brand Partner qualifies as Senior Director or higher for the first time, he or she will be paid at that rank for two months: the month the higher rank is achieved and the next consecutive month. The Brand Partner must remain Active to qualify for the Grace Period.

LEG: A leg is a portion of a Brand Partner's organization, starting at one of their first-level Brand Partners and encompassing their entire organization. If a Brand Partner has 10 first-level Brand Partners, they have 10 legs in the Sponsor Tree. If a personally sponsored Brand Partner is placed below an existing leg in the Placement Tree, that newly sponsored Brand Partner becomes part of the Placement Tree leg but remains a separate leg for the sponsor in the Sponsor Tree.

PERSONAL SPONSOR: A Brand Partner who personally sponsors a new Brand Partner into the Nerium International business. Sponsor is also the term referring to a Brand Partner who personally sponsors a Customer.

PLACEMENT SPONSOR: A Brand Partner who is directly above another Brand Partner in the Placement Tree. The Placement Sponsor may not always be the Brand Partner who personally sponsored them.

PLACEMENT SUITE: When a Brand Partner personally sponsors another Brand Partner, the new Brand Partner can go into the Placement Suite for a period of 60 days. During that time, the sponsoring Brand Partner will have an opportunity to move the new Brand Partner one time under an existing leg in the Placement Tree. The new Brand Partner will remain a separate leg in the Sponsor Tree and be personally sponsored by his original sponsor; however, the Brand Partner under whom he is placed in the Placement Tree will be his Placement upline. The new Brand Partner will become part of the total leg volume in the leg in which he was placed. If the new Brand Partner is not moved within the allotted time, he will remain a new leg in the Placement Tree for the sponsoring Brand Partner.

PREFERRED CUSTOMER: A retail customer who is enrolled in the Auto-Delivery Order (ADO) program.

RANK: The level of achievement in the Compensation Plan that determines how much commission is paid and the specific commission bonuses the Brand Partner is eligible to earn. Rank is determined by personal and group sales volume, as well as the personal and group volume of the Brand Partners in your group.

SENIOR BRAND PARTNER GENERATIONS: All Active Brand Partners up to and including the next qualified Senior Brand Partner or higher in your Placement Tree downline are a Senior Brand Partner generation. Team Commissions are paid based on Senior Brand Partner generations.

UPLINE: This refers to the Brand Partner(s) above a new or existing Brand Partner in the genealogy.

VOLUME: The value assigned to a product that is used to determine a Brand Partner's rank qualifications in the Compensation Plan (Qualifying Volume or QV), or to determine the amount of commissions being paid on a product purchase (Commissionable Volume or CV). Qualifying Volume and Commissionable Volume may not be the same value. Types of volume include:

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- AUTO-DELIVERY VOLUME (ADV): Volume generated by the sale of product through the Auto-Delivery Order program. ADO PQV is Auto-Delivery Order Personal Qualifying Volume.
- COMMISSIONABLE VOLUME (CV): The value assigned to a product that determines the amount of commission paid when the product is sold by a Brand Partner. CV is 90% of QV, and can be discounted based on applicable order discounts.
- CUSTOMER COMMISSIONABLE VOLUME (CCV): Qualifying Volume that is generated from product purchases made directly from the Company by a Brand Partner's retail and Preferred Customers.
- GROUP QUALIFYING VOLUME (GQV): The total Qualifying Volume of a specific group of Brand Partners. Includes Brand Partners' PQV (max. 2,000 PQV from personal purchases counted toward GQV).
- **GROUP VOLUME (GV):** The total volume of a specific group of Brand Partners.
- **NEUTRAL VOLUME:** Qualifying and Commissionable Volumes are calculated in Neutral Volume and are the same for all countries.
- **PERSONAL QUALIFYING VOLUME (PQV):** Qualifying Volume that is generated through a Brand Partner's personal product purchases. It also includes volume from product purchases made directly from the Company by a Brand Partner's retail and Preferred Customers.
- **QUALIFYING VOLUME (QV):** The value assigned to a product to determine the amount of Qualifying Volume on a product purchase.
- ROLLING QUALIFYING VOLUME (RQV): Any new Brand Partner who enrolls after the 15th of any given month will have all the Qualifying Volume generated within the remainder of their first Monthly Bonus Period roll forward into the next full monthly bonus period. All commissions and bonuses are paid on the bonus volume generated by product purchases in the bonus period in which the sale occurred. RQV does not apply to upline GQV. Only volume from within the month the new Brand Partner enrolls can be applied to RQV.

— 60%-GROUP-QUALIFYING-VOLUME-IN-A-LEG (GQV)

RULE: Beginning at Senior Brand Partner, when determining the Group Qualifying Volume qualification requirement, no more than 60% of the required volume may come from a single Placement Tree leg. Example: the GQV qualification for a Director is 4,500. No more than 2,700 (60%) of the total GQV can come from any single Placement Tree leg. 14

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Immediate Ways to Earn

PERSONAL CUSTOMER COMMISSIONS Sell more. Earn m	nore.
Customer Commissionable Volume (CCV)	Earning Potential
201-400	10%
401-1000	15%
1001+	25%

First 10% paid weekly. The balance of the percentage earned in a calendar month is paid monthly.

PACK BON	USES For eacl	n pack you sell, y	ou will earn a Pao	ck Bonus.			
	Brand Partner	Senior Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director
Starter/ Action Pack	10%	15%	20%	24%	26%	28%	30%

Sponsor a new Brand Partner, sell them a qualifying pack in their first 30 days and earn a Pack Bonus.

CUSTOMER ACQUISITION BONUS For each new Preferred Customer, you will earn a Customer Acquisition Bonus (CAB).

CAB by Rank Adv	ancement				
	Brand Partner	Bra	Senior and Partner	Director	Senior Director and Above
Percentage Earned	20%		30%	35%	40%
CAB by Preferred	Customers				
	3 Preferred Customers		e Prefe Custo	erred	9 Preferred Customers
Percentage Earned	30%		35	%	40%

FAST START QUALIFY in your first 30 days to start earning your 10% Coaching Commission and FSQ Bonus.

All commissions and bonuses defined in this document are paid in U.S. dollars.

Periodic revisions are made to our Compensation Plan. To find the latest version, please download it from your Online Business Center.

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Potential Long-Term Income

TEAM COMMISSIONS

Earn up to 10 generations of your Senior Brand Partners' commissionable volume within your organization. The higher the rank you achieve, the more levels from which you can earn.

		Senior Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director	1-Star National Marketing Director and Above
	1	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	2	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	3	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	4		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Senior Brand	5			5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Partner Generations	6				5%	5%	5%	5%
	7					2%	2%	2%
	8					2%	2%	2%
	9						1%	3%
	10						1%	3%

LIVE BETTER BONUS

National Marketing Director

3-Star National Marketing Director

5-Star National Marketing Director

Gold International Marketing Director

The higher you rank, the more you earn.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BONUSES

Earn an extra 1–3% of the volume of your entire organization down to the next equal or higher ranked Brand Partner.

1-Star	2-Star	3-Star
National Marketing Director	National Marketing Director	National Marketing Director
Leadership	Leadership	Leadership
Development Bonus	Development Bonus	Development Bonus
1% on Organization	2% on Organization	3% on Organization

Leadership Income

\$50K

\$150K

\$375K

^{\$750K}

\$1.5M



DIFFERENTIAL BONUSES*

Based on your rank, earn Differential Bonuses on sales made by your team. You can earn the difference between your downline's bonus and the bonus you qualify for at your rank. To qualify for the Differential Bonus, you must achieve 500 PQV in your first 30 days or earn the rank of Director or higher.

Customer Acquisition Bonus	Starter and Action Packs
5-20%	2-20%

PAID MONTHLY

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PAID WEEKLY

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EXHIBIT B



Nerium Brand Partner Compensation Plan

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Welcome to the Nerium International Family.

Nerium[™] International exists for a single purpose: to make people better. Since this translates into improving people's lives inside and out, we are proud to reward you with a lucrative and innovative way to earn income.

Our compensation plan is based upon an easily duplicated business model leveraging relationship marketing.

- 1. Join Nerium International as a Brand Partner
- 2. Enroll in the Auto-Delivery Order (ADO) Program
- 3. Sponsor and maintain 3 Preferred Customers and your next month's product is FREE
- 4. Fast Start Qualify in your first 30 days
- 5. Sponsor other Brand Partners and coach them to complete steps 2-5

Relationship Marketing

Whether face-to-face or online, relationship marketing is the way business gets done in today's market. People work with those they know, like, and trust, which makes relationship, or word-of-mouth, marketing the most effective business model available.

Rather than investing in traditional advertising (like TV, radio, and billboards), Nerium International rewards its Brand Partners for telling others about our products. It's a win-win marketing solution that works!



Brand Partners Simply Do Two Things:

- **1.** Build a customer base and earn 10-25% commissions.
- **2.** Build a team of Brand Partners and earn commissions and bonuses.

Brand Partner Launch Kit

The Brand Partner Launch Kit Allows You:

- To become an Independent Brand Partner
- To qualify to purchase products at wholesale

• To sponsor others as Brand Partners

• To earn Retail and Preferred Customer commissions

The Brand Partner Launch Kit includes:

- Personalized Marketing Websites
- Nerium Success Planner
- 5 Experience NeriumAD DiscBrochures
- 25 Product Brochures
- Success from Home Magazine
- The Nerium Experience Presentation Flipbook
- Nerium Success Training 3-CD Set \$99.95 by Jeff Olson
- Real Results Party Presentation DVD
- The Slight Edge by Jeff Olson
- Jim Rohn and Robert Kiyosaki CDs
- Additional Marketing Materials

Add an Auto-Delivery Order of NeriumAD (\$80) to ensure that you automatically receive product each month at the lowest price available.

Success Packs

Either of the optional Success Packs immediately qualify you:

- To become "Sponsor Pool Qualified"
- To begin earning Success Pack Differential Bonuses
 For the first step to becoming "Fast Start Qualified"
- For the personal requirement portion of the **LEXUS Car Bonus**
- To begin earning points in the Weekly Sponsor Pool

The Success Packs are the best starter value for a new Brand **Partner. They include:**



Upgrade your Auto-Delivery Order (ADO) with the NeriumAD 2-Pack. You will save an additional \$5 a bottle, plus you will always have an extra bottle on hand to sample the product. This is also perform RIGMPI AGES partners who need two bottles a month.

Immediate Goals

GOAL #1

3UR Free

Personally sponsor at least 3 Preferred Customers whose Auto-Delivery Order totals the same amount or more than your Auto-Delivery Order,* and your next month's order is FREE.** If your Preferred Customers refer 3 more Preferred Customers whose Auto-Delivery Order totals the same amount or more than theirs,* then your Preferred Customers' Auto-Delivery Order for the next month is also FREE! Three Preferred Customer orders must process in the same calendar month to qualify for free ADO the following month.



GOAL #2

Become Fast Start Qualified

In your first 30 days, you must complete the following actions:

- 1. Enroll in the Auto-Delivery Order (ADO) program.
- Become Sponsor Pool Qualified by generating 500 Personal Qualifying Volume* (PQV). PQV can be generated by personal product purchases and sales to Retail Customers and Preferred Customers.
- 3. Personally sponsor a minimum of three new, active Brand Partners with 80 ADO PQV or more and place them in three separate legs.
- 4. Generate a total of 2000 Qualifying Volume from the combination of your PQV and your personally sponsored Brand Partner's PQV.

* Note that the Success Pack automatically meets the 500 PQV requirements.

(500 PQV)

Retail Customer (Through Marketing Website)

GOAL #3

Take Advantage of Nerium Gives Back

This program will potentially resupply your product inventory for the Product Prospecting System, so you don't ever have to worry about running out of product. Ways that Nerium is Giving Back:

- You will receive a *free bottle* of NeriumAD for every new, personally sponsored Brand Partner who you enroll with an Auto-Delivery Order. Your bottle will ship within 14 days of when their first Auto-Delivery Order ships.
- You will receive a *free bottle* of NeriumAD for every new, personally sponsored Preferred Customer who you enroll with an Auto-Delivery Order. Your bottle will ship within 14 days of when their second Auto-Delivery Order ships.
- You will receive a *free bottle* of NeriumAD for every new, personally sponsored Preferred Customer who enrolls another Preferred Customer with an Auto-Delivery Order. Your bottle will ship within 14 days of when their second Auto-Delivery Order ships.

To qualify, new Brand Partners must:

- Become Sponsor Pool Qualified by generating 500 PQV within their first 30 days. Purchasing an optional Success Pack or Premier Success Pack automatically meets this qualification.
- Have an active Auto-Delivery Order
- Complete the opt-in form for the Nerium Gives Back program

Immediate Ways to Earn

Remain Active

Qualify to earn income in the Nerium International Compensation Plan by simply remaining "active" each calendar month. You can remain active by:

Maintaining 200 PQV in Sales to Personal Customers

OR

Maintaining 80 PQV from a Personal Auto-Delivery Order (ADO)

1. Retail Sales

When your Retail Customers order directly from Nerium International under your Brand Partner ID, you earn the difference between the retail price they pay and the wholesale price. Retail Sales Commission is paid weekly.

2. Customer Acquisition Bonus

For each new Auto-Delivery Order sold to a new Preferred Customer, you will earn a Customer Acquisition Bonus (CAB). The CAB will be paid with the weekly commissions, according to the following table:

	Brand Partner	Sr. Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director
1 bottle	\$16	\$24	\$28	\$32	\$32	\$32	\$32
2 bottles	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60

3. Personal Customer Commissions

- The more you purchase and the more customers you acquire, the more you earn!
- Personal Customer Commissions are paid in addition to Retail Commissions.
- When your personal purchases and customer sales exceed 200 in Customer Commissionable Volume (CCV) in a calendar month, you earn 10%–25% commission on the total monthly CCV. The first 10% of the Personal Customer Commissions are paid in the Weekly Bonus Period, while the balance is paid in the Monthly Bonus Period.
- Personal purchases, Retail Customer Sales, and Preferred Customer Auto-Delivery Orders subsequent to their first order count towards total CCV.

How to Generate CCV

	GQV	CCV
Retail Customers	0 GQV	90 CCV
Preferred Customers 1 Bottle	0 GQV	72 CCV
Preferred Customers 2 Bottles	0 GQV	135 CCV

Customer Commissionable Volume (CCV) goes towards your Personal Customer Commission bucket.

CCV Earnings

Customer Commissionable Volume (CCV)	Earning Potential
201–500	10%
501–1,000	15%
1,001–2,500	20%
2,501+	25%

For example: If you accumulate 1,500 CCV in one month, then 1,500 CCV - 201 minimum CCV = 1,299 CCV, and 1,299 CCV x 20% = 260 Personal Customer Commissions.

No Personal Customer Commissions are paid on the first 200 CCV of Personal, Retail, or Preferred Customer orders. All volume up to 200 CCV is credited to upline team commissions at 90% CV.

When the 10% level is reached, the CV credit to upline team commissions is 80%. When the 15% level is reached, the CV credit to upline team commissions is 70%. When the 20% level is reached, the CV credit to upline team commissions is 60%. When the 25% level is reached, the CV credit to upline team commissions is 50%

3. Success Pack Bonus

- Earn \$50-\$325 each time you sell one of the Success Packs to a new personally sponsored Brand Partner in their first 30 days.
- This bonus follows the Sponsor Tree and is paid in the Weekly Bonus Period.



SP = Success Pack PSP = Premier Success Pack

4. Weekly Sponsor Pool

Two percent (2%) of global commissionable volume from the previous four weeks goes into the Weekly Sponsor Pool. One quarter of the pool will be paid out each week. Brand Partners qualify to participate when they:

- Become "Sponsor Pool Qualified" in their first 30 days or achieve the rank of Director or higher.
- Have an active Auto-Delivery Order with at least 80 PQV in the current calendar month.
- Earn at least three points in the weekly bonus period. Weekly Sponsor Pool points will be earned as follows:

Activity to Earn	# Of Points Earned	Fast Start Qualified
Personally sell a Success Pack or a Premier Success Pack to a new Brand Partner	1	2 *
Personally sponsor a new Preferred Customer with fully paid ADO	1	2 *

Become Fast Start Qualified and earn double shares for LIFE!

* Minimum of 3 standard points needed to qualify. Points doubled after 3 points are earned after close of week.

5. LEXUS Bonus

Beginning at Senior Director, Nerium International will send you up to \$1,000 each month that you maintain the rank of Senior Director or higher to make the payment on your silver or white LEXUS. This bonus is calculated and paid in the Monthly Bonus Period. Please note that you must qualify monthly to be paid monthly. Weekly rank advancements do not qualify. See LEXUS Bonus Qualifications for complete details.



Senior Director	\$500 Car Bonus
Executive Director	\$500 Car Bonus
Regional Marketing Director	\$500 Car Bonus
National Marketing Director	\$750 Car Bonus
1-Star National Marketing Director	\$750 Car Bonus
2-Star National Marketing Director	\$750 Car Bonus
3-Star National Marketing Director	\$1,000 Car Bonus

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Leadership Income

Coaching Commissions

Beginning at Director, earn up to a 10% Coaching Commission on Team Commissions, Leadership Development Commissions, and Success Pack Bonus earnings made by each of your personally sponsored Brand Partners. This bonus is paid in the Monthly Bonus Period.





Examples	Your Monthly Earnings before Coaching Commission	Your Personally Sponsored Brand Partner Earnings*	Your Maximum Coaching Commission	How your Coaching Commission is Calculated
Example #1	\$100	\$2,800	\$280	Your Coaching Commission is 10% of your personally sponsored Brand Partners' earnings.*
Example #2	\$400	\$5,000	\$400	Your Coaching Commission cannot exceed your monthly earnings.
Example #3	\$1,500	\$10,000	\$1,000	Your Coaching Commission is equal to 10% of your personally sponsored Brand Partners' earnings.*

*Earn up to \$300 or 10% of your personally sponsored Brand Partners' earnings, until your monthly earnings exceed \$300.

Differential Bonuses

Depending on your rank, earn a differential bonus each time one of your downline Brand Partners enrolls a new Success Packs to a new Brand Partner.

To qualify for the Differential Bonuses, an upline must achieve 500 PQV in their first 30 days or earn the rank of Director or higher.

These bonuses follow the Sponsorship Tree and are paid in the Weekly Bonus Period.

CAB Differential Bonuses Example



Volume GLOSSARY

Volume: The value assigned to a product that is used to determine a Brand Partner's rank qualifications in the compensation plan (qualifying volume or QV), or to determine the amount of commissions being paid on a product purchase (commissionable volume or CV). Qualifying volume and commissionable volume may not be the same value.

Auto-Delivery Volume (ADV): Volume generated by the sale of product through the Auto-Delivery Program. ADO PQV is Auto-Delivery Order Personal Qualifying Volume.

Commissionable Volume (CV): Is a value assigned to a product that determines the amount of commission paid when the product is sold by a Brand Partner. Customer Commissionable Volume (CCV): Qualifying volume that is generated from product purchases made directly from the Company by a Brand Partner and their Retail and Preferred Customers.

Group Qualifying Volume (GQV): Is the total qualifying volume of a specific group of Brand Partners. NERIUM- PAGE 24

Marketing Director Pool

Nerium International reserves 2% of the total company's Commissionable Volume for the Regional Marketing Directors Pool and National Marketing Directors Pool. The ranks below can earn shares in the pools. The higher your "paid as" rank, the more shares you earn. Each pool includes 1% of the total company's Commissionable Volume. This bonus is accrued each month in the Monthly Bonus Period and paid each year at the annual Nerium International Conference.



Residual Income

Focus on simply building your business in teams of three who sponsor three and get paid up to 10 levels deep on your team's sales!

Team Commissions

Team commissions are based on the commissionable volume generated from product sales made by your team. Your focus as a Brand Partner is to create a strong Retail and Preferred Customer base and to build a team of other Brand Partners who create a strong Retail and Preferred Customer base. As your team builds, your Team Commission earnings will increase.

- The higher the rank you achieve, the more levels from which you can earn commission.
- Commissions are "compressed" to allow you to earn commission on sales originating deeper within your Brand Partner legs. Only active Brand Partners count as a level in the Team Commissions calculation. Inactive Brand Partners' Commissionable Volume is therefore added to the next qualified level.
- Any Customer or Brand Partner volume that is not generated from an Active Brand Partner will "compress" and be counted in the volume of the level immediately above.
- This bonus follows the Placement Tree and is paid in the Monthly Bonus Period.

Team Commissions

N	Brand Partner	Sr. Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director	1-Star National Marketing Director	2-Star National Marketing Director	3-Star National Marketing Director
Level 1	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Level 2	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Level 3		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Level 4			5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Level 5				5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Level 6					5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Level 7						2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Level 8						2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Level 9							1%	3%	3%	3%
Level 10							1%	3%	3%	3%

Group Volume (GV): Is the total volume of a specific group of Brand Partners.

Personal Qualifying Volume (PQV): Qualifying volume that is generated through a Brand Partner's personal product purchases. It also includes volume from product purchases made directly from the Company by a Brand Partner's Retail and Preferred Customer.

Qualifying Volume (QV): Is a value assigned to a product to determine the amount of qualifying volume on a product purchase.

Leadership Development Bonus (LDB)

Nerium International rewards our leaders for their dedication to their team through the Leadership Development Bonus. Beginning at 1-Star National Marketing Director, you can earn 1%-3% of the volume of your entire organization, down to the next equal or higher-ranked Brand Partner. This bonus follows the Sponsor Tree and is paid in the Monthly Bonus Period.

N	1-Star National Marketing Director			Nationa	2-Star I Marketing	Director	3-Star National Marketing Director			
	TEAM Commissions	LDB	Total	TEAM Commissions	LDB	Total	TEAM Commissions	LDB	Total	
Level 1	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 2	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 3	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 4	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 5	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 6	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 7	2%	+1%	3%	2%	+2%	4%	2%	+3%	5%	
Level 8	2%	+1%	3%	2%	+2%	4%	2%	+3%	5%	
Level 9	3%	+1%	4%	3%	+2%	5%	3%	+3%	6%	
Level 10	3%	+1%	4%	3%	+2%	5%	3%	+3%	6%	

Volume Generated by my Downline Organization's Purchases

		GQV	PQV	CV	
Product Purchases	My Brand Partner's Retail Customers	100 GQV	0 PQV	90 CV	
	My Brand Partner's Preferred Customers (1 Bottle)	80 GQV	0 PQV	72 CV	
	My Brand Partner's Preferred Customers (2 Bottles)	150 GQV	0 PQV	135 CV	You will earn a percent of
	Brand Partner Purchase (with Auto-Delivery)	80 GQV	0 PQV	72 CV	Commissionat
	Brand Partner Purchase (without Auto-Delivery)	100 GQV	0 PQV	90 CV	based on your
Enrollment Kits	Brand Partner Launch Kit	0 GQV	0 PQV	0 CV	rank in team commissions.
	Success Pack	500 GQV	0 PQV	100 CV	
	Premier Success Pack	1000 GQV	0 PQV	250 CV	

Ranks

You begin at the rank of Brand Partner. When you have reached a rank, you will remain at that rank until you advance to a higher rank. This is called "Highest Achieved" Rank. Commissions and bonuses you qualify to earn and how much you earn is determined by the level of qualifications you meet during a given bonus period. This is called the "Paid As" Rank.

In each bonus period, the "Paid As" Rank of a Brand Partner is determined by the qualifications below:

- During Weekly Bonus Periods, you may advance in rank, but your "Paid As" Rank will not go down.
- During Monthly Bonus Periods, your "Paid As" Rank may go up or down based on the qualifications you have met.
- Weekly Bonuses will be paid based on the higher of the last monthly bonus period "Paid As" Rank or the current weekly period "Paid As" Rank.

Rank	Brand Partner	Sr. Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director	1-Star National Marketing Director	2-Star National Marketing Director	3-Star National Marketing Director
Personal Volume Requirements	80 ADV or 200 PQV Retail	80 ADV or 200 PQV Retail	80 ADV or 200 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail				
Monthly Group Qualifying Volume (GQV)		1,500	4,500* (60% Rule Applies)	12,500* (60% Rule Applies)	37,500* (60% Rule Applies)	75,000* (60% Rule Applies)	1 50,000* (60% Rule Applies)			
Number of Separate Active Personally Sponsored Legs in Placement Tree		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Downline Rank Requirements in Separate Personally Sponsord Legs in Placement Tree				3 Sr. Brand Partners	3 Sr. Brand Partners	3 Directors	3 Directors			
Must be "Paid As" NMD with this Number of Separate "Paid As" NMD Legs in Placement Tree								1	2	3

*No more than 60% of GQV may come from a single Placement Tree leg. NMD = National Marketing Director. ADV = Auto-Delivery Volume. PQV = Personal Qualifying Volume.

Qualifying Volume Periods

Commission Payments

Weekly Payout:

- Success Pack Bonus
- Weekly Sponsor Pool
- Personal Customer Commissions (10%)
- Success Pack Differentials

Weekly Bonuses will close every Wednesday at 11:59 p.m. CST. Weekly commissions will be calculated and paid the Wednesday following the close of the bonus period.

Rolling Qualifying Volume (RQV)

Enrolling Dates



Next Month

You'll start month with previous month's 3000 GQV that rolled over for rank advancements/rank

qualifications.

Monthly Payout:

- Team Commissions
- Coaching Commissions
- Leadership Development Bonus
- Personal Customer Commissions (remaining volume not paid weekly)
- LEXUS Car Bonus

Monthly Commission Periods will close the last day of each calendar month. Monthly commissions will be calculated and paid on the 15th of the month following the close of the Monthly Commission Period.

Example

RQV Curren 3000 +

Current Month's GQV 2500 Current Month's Total GQV = 5,500

Rolling Qualifying Volume (RQV) only applies to your first month of enrollment. The 60% rule applies to all qualifying volume for rank advancements.

Team Structures

Sponsor Tree

When a new Brand Partner is sponsored, they go into the Sponsor Tree as a Level 1, or frontline, to the Brand Partner who sponsored them. Success Pack Bonuses, Coaching Commissions, and Leadership Development Bonuses are based on the Sponsor Tree.



Placement Tree

When you sponsor a new Brand Partner, they are placed in your Placement Suite for a period of 60 days. During that time, you have the option to place the new Brand Partner into an open position in an existing leg in your Placement Tree. Allowing the Brand Partner to place a new Brand Partner in an open position in the Placement Tree provides an opportunity to increase the sales volume in an existing leg and enables the new Brand Partner to gain additional support from a sales organization that is already in place. Rank advancement and Team Commissions are based on the sales volume in the Placement Tree.



Nerium[™] International reserves the right to implement changes to the compensation plan as needed for the benefit of the Brand Partners and the Company. Every effort will be made to give 30 days advance notice of changes. There are no guarantees regarding income, and the success or failure of each Brand Partner, like in any other business, depends upon each Brand Partner's skills and personal effort. All do**NERIUM-** PAGE 28

Glossary of Terms

Active: Brand Partners are considered Active as long as they maintain the required PV (Personal Volume) from fully paid product orders during a calendar month. This required volume (see volume qualification table for volume requirements by rank) can come from Auto-Delivery Orders (ADO), personal orders, and/or the volume from orders placed by personally sponsored Retail or Preferred Customers.

Auto-Delivery Order (ADO): A pre-selected product order that is scheduled to be created, paid, and shipped at a specific time each month. Auto-Delivery Orders allow products to be purchased at a discounted price.

Brand Partner: A person or company who has filled out the Nerium International application, had their application approved, and is in the Genealogy. Brand Partner is the first step in rank advancement.

Compression: Only active Brand Partners count as a level in the Team Commissions calculation. Inactive Brand Partners' Commissionable Volume is therefore added to the next qualified level.

Customer: A Customer is associated with a Brand Partner. A Customer cannot sign up other Brand Partners and cannot receive commissions. Nerium International currently has two types of non-Brand Partner customers: a Retail Customer and a Preferred Customer.

Downline: This refers to the Brand Partner(s) below a Brand Partner in the Genealogy. **Genealogy Tree:** This is the Company's overall structure that indicates how and where Brand Partners are placed. Company supports both a Sponsor and Placement Unilevel/Generational Genealogy tree structures.

- Sponsor Tree: Your personally sponsored Brand Partners will always be on Level 1 of your Sponsor Tree. The Brand Partners whom they sponsor will always be on Level 2 of your Sponsor Tree. Success Pack Bonuses and Coaching Bonuses will be paid based on the structure of your Sponsor Tree.
- Placement Tree: Personally sponsored Brand Partners may be placed in the downline of your placement tree in order to increase the volume in a leg. Rank advancements are based on the total volume generated in each leg of the Placement Tree.

Grace Period: Team Commissions and Leadership Development Bonuses are paid based on the structure of your Placement Tree.

Leg: A leg is a portion of a Brand Partner's organization, starting at one of their first-level Brand Partners and encompassing their entire organization. If a Brand Partner has 10 first-level Brand Partners, they have 10 legs in the Sponsor Tree. If a personally sponsored Brand Partner is placed below an existing leg in the Placement Tree, that newly sponsored Brand Partner becomes part of the Placement Tree leg but remains a separate leg for the sponsor in the Sponsor Tree.

Personal Sponsor: A Brand Partner who personally sponsors a new Brand Partner into the Nerium International business. Sponsor is also the term referring to a Brand Partner who personally sponsors a Customer.

Placement Sponsor: A Brand Partner who is directly above another Brand Partner in the Placement Tree. The Placement Sponsor may not always be the Brand Partner who personally sponsored them.

Placement Suite: When a Brand Partner personally sponsors another Brand Partner, the new Brand Partner can go into the Placement Suite for a period of 60 days. During that time, the sponsoring Brand Partner will have an opportunity to move the new Brand Partner one time under an existing leg in the Placement Tree. The new Brand Partner will remain a separate leg in the Sponsor Tree and personally sponsored by his original sponsor; however, the Brand Partner under whom he is placed in the Placement Tree will be his Placement upline. The new Brand Partner will become part of the total leg volume in the leg in which he was placed. If the new Brand Partner is not moved within the allotted time, he will remain a new leg in the Placement Tree for the sponsoring Brand Partner.

Preferred Customer: A Retail Customer who is enrolled in the Auto-Delivery Order (ADO) program.

Rank: The level of achievement in the compensation plan that determines how much commission is paid and the specific commission bonuses the Brand Partner is eligible to earn. Rank is determined by personal and group sales volume, as well as the personal and group volume of the Brand Partners in your group.

Upline: This refers to the Brand Partner(s) above a new or existing Brand Partner in the Genealogy. Volume: The value assigned to a product that is used to determine a Brand Partner's rank qualifications in the compensation plan (qualifying volume or QV), or to determine the amount of commissions being paid on a product purchase (commissionable volume or CV). Qualifying volume and commissionable volume may not be the same value.

Auto-Delivery Volume (ADV): Volume generated by the sale of product through the Auto-Delivery Program. ADO PQV is Auto-Delivery Order Personal Qualifying Volume. Commissionable Volume (CV): Is a value assigned to a product that determines the amount of commission paid when the product is sold by a Brand Partner. Qualifying Volume (QV): Is a value assigned to a product to determine the amount of

qualifying volume on a product purchase. **Personal Qualifying Volume (PQV):** Qualifying volume that is generated through a Brand Partner's personal product purchases. It also includes volume from product purchases made directly from the Company by a Brand Partner's Retail and Preferred Customer. **Customer Commissionable Volume (CCV):** Qualifying volume that is generated from product purchases made directly from the Company by a Brand Partner's Retail and Preferred Customer.

Group Volume (GV): Is the total volume of a specific group of Brand Partners. Group Qualifying Volume (GQV): Is the total qualifying volume of a specific group of Brand Partners.

Rolling Qualifying Volume (RQV): Any new Brand Partner who enrolls after the 15th of any given month will have all the Qualifying Volume (QV) generated within the remainder of their first monthly bonus period roll forward into the next full monthly bonus period. All commissions and bonuses are paid on the bonus volume generated by product purchases in the bonus period in which the sale occurred. RQV does not apply to upline GQV. Only volume from within the month the new Brand Partner enrolls can be applied to RQV.

"60% GQV (Group Qualifying Volume) in a Leg" Rule: Beginning at Director, when determining the Group Qualifying Volume qualification requirement, no more than 60% of the required volume may come from a single Placement Tree leg. Example: The GQV qualification for a Director is 4,500. No more than 2,700 (60%) of the total GQV can come from any single Placement Tree leg.

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Immediate Income				Success Pack Bonuses			
				Brand Partner	Sr. Brand Partner	Director	
	PERSONAL CUSTOMER COMMISSIONS			\$50	\$75	\$100	
Sell more. Earn m			PSP	\$100	\$150	\$200	
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1,001-2,500	20%	Ŷ		Brand Partner	Sr. Brand Partner	Director	
2,501+	25%		1 bottle	\$16	\$24	\$28	
First 10% paid weekly. The balance			2 bottles	\$30	\$40	\$50	
percentage earned in a calendar m paid monthly.	onth is			For each new Auto-	Delivery Order sold t	to a new Preferred (

PAID MONTHLY

PAID WEEKLY

2% Weekly Sponsor Pool

Active Brand Partners who have 500 PV in their first 30 days or achieve Director and have an Auto-Delivery Order may participate in this pool. Minimum of 3 points within a weekly bonus period are required to earn shares in the pool

	Brand Partner	Sr. Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Marketing Director	Marketing Director				
SP	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$115	\$125	\$135	\$150				
PSP	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$275	\$300	\$325				
	Sponsor a new Brand Partner, sell them a Success Pack in their first 30 days, and earn a Success Pack Bonus. The higher your rank, the more you earn.										
	Customer Ac	quisition Bo	nuses								
	Brand Partner	Sr. Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director				
bottle	\$16	\$24	\$28	\$32	\$32	\$32	\$32				
bottles	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60				
	For each new Auto-I	Delivery Order sold t	o a new Preferred C	Customer, you wil	l earn a Customer Acc	quisition Bonus.					
Activ	Activity to Earn # Of Points Earned Fast Start Qualified Fast Start Qualify										
	onally sell a Succe ier Success Pack	ss Pack or a to a new Brand Pa	artner	1	2		in your first 30 days				

PAID WEEKLY

PAID WEEKLY

Regional

Personally sponsor a new Preferred Customer with fully paid ADO.

Premier Success Pack to a new Brand Partner

Leadership Income

Coaching Commissions

Based on your rank, earn up to a 10% bonus on your Personally Sponsored Brand Partners' earnings.



Differential Bonuses

Based on your rank, earn differential bonuses on sales made by your team. You can earn the difference between your downline's bonus and the bonus you qualify for at your rank. To qualify for the Differential Bonus, you must achieve 500 PQV in your first 30 days or earn the rank of Director or higher.

Customer Acquisition Bonus	\$8 - \$30
Success Pack Bonus	\$25 - \$100
Premier Success Pack Bonus	\$50 - \$225

Marketing Directors Pool

Marketing Directors and above can earn shares in 2% of Nerium's global commissionable sales.



Residual Income

Team Commissions

Earn up to 10 levels of your Brand Partners' commissionable volume within your organization. The higher the rank you achieve, the more levels from which you can earn.

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Rank	Brand Partner	Sr. Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director	l
PV Requirements	80 ADV or 200 PQV Retail	80 ADV or 200 PQV Retail	80 ADV or 200 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	150 ADV or 300 PQV Retail	l
Monthly Group Qualifying Volume (GQV)		1,500 GQV and 3** active legs	4,500* GQV and 3** active legs	12,500* GQV and 3** active Senior Brand Partner legs	Brand	75,000* GQV and 3** active Director legs	150,000* GQV and 3** active Director legs	
Level 1	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	
Level 2	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	I
Level 3		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	I
Level 4			5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	I
Level 5				5%	5%	5%	5%	I
Level 6					5%	5%	5%	I
Level 7						2%	2%	
Level 8						2%	2%	
Level 9							1%	
Level 10							1%	

* Director and above ranks: no more than 60% of GQV may come from a single Placement Tree Leg ** Personally sponsored Legs in Placement Tree

Leadership Development Bonuses

Earn 1%-3% of the volume of your entire organization down to the next equal or higher ranked Brand Partner.

NI	1-Star National Marketing Director		Nationa	2-Star National Marketing Director			3-Star National Marketing Director			
I W	TEAM COMMISSIONS	LDB	Total	TEAM COMMISSIONS	LDB	Total	TEAM Commissions	LDB	Total	
Level 1	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 2	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 3	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 4	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 5	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 6	5%	+1%	6%	5%	+2%	7%	5%	+3%	8%	
Level 7	2%	+1%	3%	2%	+2%	4%	2%	+3%	5%	
Level 8	2%	+1%	3%	2%	+2%	4%	2%	+3%	5%	
Level 9	3%	+1%	4%	3%	+2%	5%	3%	+3%	6%	
Level 10	3%	+1%	4%	3%	+2%	5%	3%	+3%	6%	
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PAID MONTHLY

GRACE When a Brand Partner qualifies at Senior Director or higher for the first time, he or she will be paid at that rank for two (2) months: the month the higher rank is PERIOD: achieved, plus the next consecutive month. The Brand Partner must remain active to qualify for the grace period.

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	Annual Sales 2012	Distributors	Markets
NERIUM	\$100 M 1st year sales	78K ONE Product	1 ONE Country
NU SKIN	\$2.2 B	1 M	53
WHERBALIFE	\$4B	2.5 M	80
MARY KAY	\$3 B	3 M	35
Amway	\$11.3 B	6.5 M	100
AVOD	\$10.7 B	3 M	100
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EXHIBIT D





Success Planner

United States

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Welcome

to the Nerium family.

As a Brand Partner, your growth and success are important to Nerium International. We're committed to supporting you as you build your business on a very solid, proven path. Listen to the audio CDs in this planner several times during your first 30 days. In each, you'll find specific and fundamental activities – all designed to help you launch your business successfully!

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Section 1: **WELCOME** Thank you for making Nerium a part of your success story.

Section 2: **FAST START PLAN** Quick activities to jumpstart your business from day one.

Section 3: **WORKBOOK** Focus on the right activities to help you start strong.

Section 4: **RESOURCES** Information you need to get started.

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1 SUCCESS PLANNER Welcome

Our Mission

At Nerium, our mission is to make people better. Whether through products, personal development or philanthropy, if it doesn't improve lives, it's not Nerium.

That's why we take pride in offering real change, real opportunity and real results to our Brand Partners and customers. Read on to discover how you can leverage this and other tools to help us make a big difference! We are so glad you are on this journey with us.

Helping Others with Nerium

Share and sell our products

Nerium's innovative products have already helped hundreds of thousands of people reflect their youth and regain their confidence.

Tell others about our opportunity

Countless Brand Partners just like you have earned an iPad, Lexus Car Bonus, luxury vacations and part- or full-time incomes with Nerium. Most people only dream of achieving the financial stability and time freedom of owning their own business, but Nerium can make that dream a reality!

Get involved

Aside from high-impact products and a lucrative opportunity, Nerium also prides itself on making a difference in local communities. We seek to accomplish this goal through several partners who share our passion for making people better. Check out The Nerium Ripple Foundation section below for more information on how to get involved.

The Nerium Ripple Foundation

The Nerium Ripple Foundation is our philanthropic outreach program that promotes the idea of "Individually taking responsibility, collectively changing the world." Through this foundation, we partner with organizations that are experts in the work of making people better. These partners include:



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Nerium's Core Values

With a mission to make people better, we wanted to establish a culture up front that truly promoted this ideal. Our 10 core values have helped shape our culture. We strive to live and work by these values, and we hope everyone in the Nerium Family will, too. When you focus on personal growth first, you will be in the best position to help others!

Be Real.

At Nerium International, our mantra is real: getting real, being real, and creating real change. But we also want to attract genuine people who can be themselves and have fun.

Pursue Constant Development of Self.

No matter how successful or accomplished one might be, there are always more improvements to be made.

Encourage an Entrepreneurial Spirit.

Believe in your dreams enough to get outside your comfort zone. Remember to live life on your own terms.

Create a Positive Team Spirit and Family Atmosphere.

A positive spirit is a valuable asset, and we aspire to use it every day. For Nerium, the cliché "the family who plays together, stays together" is a way of life. We take our work seriously, but we are also a fun-loving family.

Be Determined.

In our business, it's important to stay the course. Our outlook is such that obstacles are only opportunities in disguise.

Practice Servant Leadership.

We believe that the best leaders are givers, not takers. We help each other and provide selfless service, because that's what a family does.

Slow Down to Go Fast.

Haste makes waste. Slow and steady wins the race. Get the job done right the first time. Quality over quantity. You get the idea.

Embrace and Drive Change.

We know it's important to stay one step ahead and continually evolve. Change is necessary for growth, as a business and as a person. So we will always seek new ways to grow and improve.

Dream Big and Act on It Daily.

Dreams consist of many smaller goals that can be acted upon daily. That's how Nerium International grows as a brand, and that's how we want our people to grow, too.

Have Fun and Help Others to Have Fun.

Nerium consists of real people with a can-do attitude who want to create real change. Having fun helps work not feel like work, which makes us more productive.

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Build Your Business

At Nerium, Brand Partners have the opportunity to build a business on their terms, whether it be part time or full time, from home or on the go. They also have the option of choosing which products to offer potential customers. Most Brand Partners choose to market our entire product line.

Depending on your future Brand Partners' needs, they can either purchase the Basic Kit, which includes only marketing materials, or the Starter Pack, which includes product as well as all contents of the Basic Kit. With either the Basic Kit or Starter Pack, they can choose to purchase additional Action Packs of product to launch their business. The more product purchased, the greater the savings.

All Brand Partners will enroll with either the Basic Kit or Starter Pack, then choose their products and select the quantity. It's simple: they pick their path, pace and profit!

1. Enroll

BASIC KIT



- No product to share or sell
- Success Planner
- Basic marketing materials

STARTER PACK



- Contents of Basic Kit
- Product for inventory or personal use
- 30-day Nerium Edge subscription

2. Pick your Pace and Profits

Choosing one or more Action Packs gives you more inventory to help you acquire new customers. Each pack contains a specific amount of product. You may purchase up to 10 Action Packs at one time in any product combination within your first 30 days.



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SUCCESS PLANNER Fast Start Plan

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Fast Start Plan

The first step to launching a successful Nerium business is to rank advance to Senior Brand Partner. Simply follow the steps below to jumpstart your Nerium success story!

To-Do List Take "Before" photos of any areas on which you plan to use Nerium products Create a Fast Start Game Plan with your upline support team Complete New Brand Partner Training online by: Start your new Product Prospecting Wait List (see page 11) Conduct your first Real Results Party Locate your first Regional Training event system in your Online Business Center. Set up an optional Auto-Delivery Order (ADO) of Nerium product Register for the 90-Day Nerium Skincare Challenge Opt in to the Nerium Gives Back program

Get Connected

Plug into the rhythm of the company and stay connected to your upline and executive leadership team!

Corporate Update Call	Tuesdays at 3:00 p. Visit www.neriumc to connect.					
Live Text Updates*	Text "REAL" to 5976 Nerium news on yo					
Nerium University	Available each Monday in your Online Business Center at 6:00 p.m. in your time zone.					
Your Upline Support	Team					
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Rank Advance to Senior Brand Partner

1. Find your "why"

What motivates you to passionately pursue your best life? Is it extra time with family? Extra income to pursue your hobbies? The hope of having a new car or sending your kids to the best schools? Take a few moments to define your "why" – be as specific as possible. Getting in touch with your "why" helps you stay focused and allows you to turn your dreams into reality!

2. Set your goal

Achieve Senior Brand Partner! Do this in your first 30 days and you'll receive an EXTRA \$150 Fast Start Bonus. To qualify for this bonus, generate 500 PQV and personally enroll three new Brand Partners with a total of 2,000 QV.

You can also rank advance to Senior Brand Partner and Fast Start Qualify by acquiring Preferred Customers. In your first 30 days, enroll nine new Preferred Customers (PCs) totaling at least 1,000 ADV. You'll earn a \$75 Fast Start Bonus!



3. Prepare for launch

Host your initial Real Results Party (RRP) right away! Review the Real Results Party Toolkit for tips and tricks on making your first party a resounding success. Make it your goal to have a second Real Results Party during your first two weeks. See page 30 for more information on Real Results Parties.



4. Master the exposure process

The best way to share Nerium is to share third-party tools with your friends, family and acquaintances. Leverage these resources and your support team to help build your business quickly!



5. Build your list

Your biggest assets are the people you know with whom you can share the Nerium message. Start your list right away. Use the Memory Jogger on page 6 for ideas then fill in your list on page 7. Leave the "Get 10 in Play Right Away" section blank at first. Once you've determined who your top 10 prospects are, place those names in the "Get 10 in Play Right Away" box – these should be the people with whom you are most excited to share Nerium.

ADV = Auto Delivery Volume PQV = Personal Qualifying Volume QV = Qualifying Volume

All commissions and bonuses defined in this document are paid in U.S. dollars.

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Memory Jogger

Did you know that the average person has approximately 1,000 acquaintances? Use the categories below to help you prepare a list of approximately 100 people who you currently know or have met in the past. Don't try to gauge whether these people would be interested in Nerium's products or the Brand Partner opportunity. Begin building and contacting your list today!

Who do you know that is interested in anti-aging products for face, body and mind? Who do you know that wants to earn extra income, develop personally and professionally as leaders or join a thriving community of life changers?

Who do you know?

FAMILY AND FRIENDS Aunt **Best Friend** Best Man Bridesmaid Brother Brother-in-law Cousin Co-worker Father Father-in-law Grandfather Groomsman Maid of Honor Mother Mother-in-law Neighbor Nephew Niece Parent Sister Sister-in-law Uncle Others...

PROFESSIONALS

Accountant Air Force Ambulance Driver Animal Trainer Antique Dealer **Appliance Sales** & Repair Architect Army Auctioneer

Auto Mechanic Auto Supplier Babysitter Baker Banker Barber Beautician **Body Repair** Bookkeeper Boss **Business Owner** Cab Driver Cabinet Maker Caddv Car Sales Carpenter Cashier Caterer Chef Chiropractor Coach Coast Guard **Computer Repairs Computer Sales** Contractor Counselor **Credit Union** Customer Dancer Dentist **Department Store** Designer Doctor **Dry Cleaner** Editor

Electrician

Engineer Esthetician Entrepreneur Eye Center Farmer Fireman **Flight Attendant** Flower Shop **Funeral Director** Game Warden Gas Station **Grocery Store** Hair Dresser Hardware Store Health Spa **Highway Patrol** Home Builder Hospital Worker Hotel Inspector Insulator Journalist Landlord Landscaper Lawyer Librarian Locksmith Mail Carrier Marines Nail Technician National Guard Navy Notary Nurse Nutritionist Office Supplier

Orthodontist Painter Partner Payroll Personnel Manager Photographer **Piano** Teacher Pilot Plumber **Police Officer** Preacher Principal Printer Professor **Radio Announcer** Realtor Repairman Roofer Salesperson Seamstress Secretary Security Guard Service Station Shop Sign Painter Social Worker Sportscaster Surgeon Surveyor **Tanning Salon** Teacher Teller Therapist **Tire Store Travel Agent**

Truck Driver **TV Repair** Union Upholsterer Veterinarian Waiter/Waitress Writer Youth Director Others...

NAMES BY **INTEREST**

Boating Club Bridge/Bunko Car Pool Cat Lover Chamber of Commerce **Coffee Shop** Den Leader Dog Lover Facebook Friend Fundraiser Internet Instagram Junior League LinkedIn Lions Club Lunch Crowd Pinterest **PTA Member Rotary Club** Scoutmaster **Toastmasters** Club Trade Organization

Twitter Others...

SPORTS

Baseball Basketball Bowling Fishing Football Golf Hunting Jogging Karate Skiing Soccer Softball Swimming Tennis Volleyball Weight Training

Others...

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SUCCESS PLANNER Workbook

Build Your List

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Product Prospecting System Wait List

You don't have to tell the Nerium story yourself — the products do that for you! Before your product arrives, create a list of people you'll want to sample our Night Cream. Use this wait list to track your progress. The more bottles you have in rotation, the more Preferred Customers and Brand Partners you will have. So put those bottles to work!



Name	Phone	Drop-Off Date	"Before" Photo	Reminder	Pick-Up Date	"After" Photo	3UR Free Party
Jane Doe	214-222-2222	8/27	\checkmark	8/30/Call	9/2	\checkmark	\checkmark

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Road Map to Lexus



GQV= Group Qualifying Volume

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Coach your team to earn the Fast Start, Director 60 & Lexus Car Bonuses!

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Sample Month: October

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Nerium's 10 Core Commitments Please refer to page 25 to find out how these Core Commitments can help fuel your success! 1. Complete New Brand Partner Training. 2. Commit to at least two exposures a day. 3. Share or sell your product inventory to acquire new customers. 4. Attend a weekly Market Party or Real Results Party. 5. Attend weekly training.

- 6. Attend your monthly Regional Training.
- 7. Attend all major corporate conventions.
- 8. Commit to personal development.
- 9. Find a "workout partner."
- 10. Be here in a year.

2AD • 2 A Day PD • Personal Development

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Weekly Close • Every Wednesday night at 11:59 p.m. CT Monthly Close • Last calendar day of the month at 11:59 p.m. CT

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Ten Core Commitments

THE NERIUM RHYTHM

You can build your dream business with Nerium. These Core Commitments were carefully selected as the most valuable activities in creating a successful business. Practice these Core Commitments daily, enjoy the learning process, build great relationships with other Brand Partners and have fun. To find out more about our Core Commitments, listen to the Nerium Success Training CD set with Nerium's Founder and CEO, Jeff Olson.

1. Complete New Brand Partner Training.

Complete the module in the Online Training Center and develop a Fast Start Game Plan with your upline and support team.

2. Commit to at least two exposures a day.

Share Nerium products and the opportunity with at least two people a day, five days a week. You are the messenger. The third-party tools are the message. Model and teach this system to your team and watch your business grow.

3. Share or sell your product inventory to acquire new customers.

A solid customer base is the foundation of your business. Your objective is to never keep inventory. Continuously share our products through the Product Prospecting System or sell your products using our third-party tools.

4. Attend a weekly Market Party or Real Results Party.

Make a personal commitment to attend and invite guests to weekly Real Results and Market Parties.

5. Attend weekly training.

Stay plugged into the system. Attend a training party on Mondays and watch Nerium University.

6. Attend your monthly Regional Training.

The entire market connects during these events. Take your team to events within a three-hour driving distance to get trained by top leaders.

7. Attend all major corporate conventions.

Bring your entire team. Learn proven business-building strategies and discover Nerium's vision for the future.

8. Commit to personal development.

Spend 30 minutes daily reading good books, listening to audio books and training materials and watching DVDs from high achievers. Doing this daily will dramatically change your life over time.

9. Find a "workout partner."

Work your business with another Brand Partner to help keep you accountable. Check in with them regularly and inspire each other to new levels of success.

10. Be here in a year.

Commitment is doing the things you said you would do, long after the mood you said it in has passed. Commit now to invest a solid year in consistently building your Nerium business.

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Brand Partner Business Resources

My Information

Brand Partner ID:	
Log in:	
Web alias:	

Website URLs

Personal corporate site:	http://	nerium.com
Personal corporate product site:	http://	neriumproducts.com
Opportunity lead capture site:	http://	successtoday.com
General product lead capture site:	http://	realresults.com
Product lead capture site (face):	http://	realresults.com/face
Product lead capture site (body):	http://	realresults.com/body
Product lead capture site (mind):	http://	realresults.com/mind
Young Entrepreneur Program lead capture site:	http://	successtoday.com/yep

My Support Team

Sponsor (name, phone, rank):	 	
Upline Leader (name, phone, rank):		
Market Leader (name, phone, rank):		

What does each site do?

Personal corporate site:

Robust site about Nerium products and the Nerium opportunity.

Personal corporate product site:

Comprehensive site detailing Nerium products only.

Opportunity lead capture site:

Simple, single page designed to be sent to a prospect so they can find out more about the Nerium opportunity. The site will capture a prospect's information and notify you via email that they have visited.

Product lead capture sites:

Simple, single-page information sites designed to be sent to prospects so they can learn more about Nerium products overall or products specifically for the face, body or mind. These sites will capture a prospect's information and notify you via email that they have visited.

Young Entrepreneur Program lead capture site:

The page focuses on fun, travel and lifestyle freedom and is targeted to budding entrepreneurs between the ages of 18–29. The site will capture their information and notify you via email that they have visited.

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Build Your Customer Base

Nerium products are the cornerstone of a Brand Partner's business at Nerium International. Your goal is to build a long-term customer base. To acquire new customers, we do two things: share our products to sample or sell them directly. The process for both is simple.

SHARE Product Prospecting System (PPS)

Best for: Night Cream or Night/Day Cream Action Pack

- 1. Contact your list. Simply tell prospects, "I have something to show you. When can I drop by?"
- 2. Share your product. Give your prospects product to try for 5 nights, 4 pumps each night, with a copy of The Nerium Difference brochure. Prospects MUST agree to take "Before" and "After" photos. To make it easier, offer to take the photo for them!
- 3. Touch base with prospect. Text or call your prospects after you drop off the product. Remind them to apply the product to clean, damp, makeup-free skin each night.
- 4. Follow up/Schedule product pickup. Call to schedule a pickup. Confirm that they have been using the product each night and remind them to take an "After" photo.
- 5. Pick up your product. Take their "After" photo when you pick up the product if they haven't already done so. Not everyone has the same visual result, but most feel the product working. Promote 3UR Free and our 30-Day Money Back Guarantee.

Build-A-Blitz

SELL Direct Sale to Customers

Best for: Contour Cream, EHT and Eye Serum

- 1. Contact your list. Simply tell prospects, "I have something to show you. When can I drop by?"
- 2. Use third-party tools. When speaking with your prospects, always point to a third-party tool. Use "Before" and "After" photos, magazines or product videos. Our company-approved resources are effective and compliant.
- 3. Promote our customer programs. Use both our 3UR Free Program and 30-Day Money Back Guarantee to entice prospects to purchase our products.
- 4. Place orders. Enroll your prospects as Preferred Customers for best pricing.
- 5. Ask for referrals. Don't be afraid to ask your customers for referrals. Every referral is one step closer to them earning their product for free with 3UR Free!

Need more inventory to share or sell to prospects? If you've been a Brand Partner for at least 30 days, you have access to our special Build-a-Blitz program. In your Online Business Center, create a personalized Blitz Pack to help you acquire new customers.

Here's how it works:

- Log into your Online Business Center.
- Shop for products using any kind of product combination or quantity you desire.
- Our smart cart will automatically apply discounts to your products. The more you purchase, the more you save.

Tip: If you have extra product when enrolling new Preferred Customers, consider the Delayed ADO or First Order Ship programs. Ask your upline support for details.



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Customer Retention

CUSTOMER ACQUISITION

Acquiring customers is the cornerstone of your Nerium business. Here are some initial goals to focus on so you can build a solid customer base.

1. Become 3UR Free qualified.

Acquiring three Preferred Customers for your 3UR Free qualifications should be your first goal. 3UR Free allows you to get your products for free each month that you qualify.* The best way to gain new customers is to host Real Results Parties!

2. Help your new Brand Partners become 3UR Free gualified.

Personally assist your new BPs in acquiring their first three customers. When your BPs are 3UR Free qualified, it leads to higher retention.

3. Set your goal to acquire nine customers.

By acquiring nine customers, you will reach the maximum Customer Acquisition Bonus.

CUSTOMER ONBOARDING

It is important to create a great experience for your customers from day one. Don't stop at the sale – when a customer signs up your work is just beginning!

1. Say thank you!

Send a thank you text or email within 24 hours of a new customer's order.

2. Set correct expectations.

- TIMEFRAME FOR RESULTS: The signs of aging of the skin and brain develop over a long period of time. Encourage your customer to commit to at least 90 days of consistent usage for noticeable results.
- USAGE: Using Nerium's products consistently and correctly every day impacts results dramatically. Text your customers links to usage videos for the product they purchased. These
 can be accessed at nerium.com/howto.

*See Compensation Plan for full rules on 3UR Free qualifications

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CUSTOMER NURTURING

1. Follow the 90-Day Customer Onboarding Road Map.

It's essential that each new Preferred Customer is personally welcomed into the Nerium Family. That's why we've created the 90-Day Customer Onboarding Road Map, which tells you what we at corporate are doing to enhance your new customers' Nerium Experience and details what you can do to best serve your customers. You can find the road map in your Online Business Center.

2. Ensure they know about Nerium's Preferred Customer (PC) Loyalty Program.

- **3UR FREE:** Help customers refer friends to buy Nerium's products so they can earn their ongoing order for free.
- DISCOUNTED ORDERS: After their second ADO processes, PCs earn a 5% discount on their order. After their third consecutive ADO, they lock in their 10% discount.
- FREE SHIPPING: After their fourth consecutive ADO, PCs earn FREE shipping on their ADO orders and earn
 Premier PC Status.

Please note that the first four orders must run consecutively to earn PC Loyalty Program benefits. If their ADO doesn't run two months in a row, then the PC will lose their Perks and must start all over again.

3. Help them manage their orders.

Five days BEFORE their ADO processes, call to check in on how everything is going. If the customer indicates that he or she has too much product and doesn't need next month's shipment, suggest other Nerium products they could try next month or, if needed, tell them how to delay their ADO for 30 days.

4. Manage at-risk orders.

Check the At-Risk PC Report for any orders that are at risk due to credit card expiration or decline. Personally call those PCs and help them set up a new form of payment.

Nerium's Product Promise

Our products are powered by proprietary technology that harnesses the best from science and nature. We use exclusive, patented ingredients with a mix of antioxidants, peptides, plant extracts and vitamins to craft products that target multiple signs of aging, including fine lines, wrinkles, uneven texture, discoloration, enlarged pores and sagging skin.

Many of our ingredients can ONLY be found in Nerium products. To put it simply: No one else currently has, or ever will have, these ingredients. You can be confident knowing that you represent scientifically proven products that can only be offered by Nerium Independent Brand Partners.

Here are a few of our exclusive ingredients:

NAE-8[®]:

Found in both Age-Defying Night Cream and Age-Defying Day Cream, NeriumAD[®] Formula, as well as in Firming Body Contour Cream, NeriumAD Formula, the NAE-8 extract is a powerful antioxidant. It is a patented, proprietary blend of nerium oleander and aloe vera that helps reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles.

SIG-1273[®]:

Found in Age-Defying Night and Day Creams, Optimera[™] Formula and Firming Body Contour Cream, Optimera Formula, SIG-1273 is a patented, advanced molecule that boosts the skin's ability to combat the oxidative stress that can lead to the appearance of fine lines, wrinkles and discoloration.

SIG-1191[™]:

Found in Age-Defying Eye Serum, SIG-1191 is a patent-pending, exclusive ingredient that works as a super antioxidant and skin hydrator specifically developed to target aging around the eyes.

I-FIL4R[™]:

Found in Age-Defying Eye Serum, I-FIL4R is an exclusive ingredient derived from white lily and Brazilian ginseng that helps reduce the appearance of puffiness, fine lines and dark circles.

EHT[®]:

Found in EHT[®] Age-Defying Supplement, Mind Enhancement[™] Formula, EHT includes our exclusive, patented extract which is comprised of a natural mixture of bioactive molecules isolated from coffee. It helps improve memory and recall, as well as increase focus and mental alertness.*

Need to know more?

- All Nerium skincare products are paraben free and dermatologist tested.
- All Nerium products offer a 30-Day Money Back Guarantee! More detailed information about our products can be found in our Product Training Guide.



*These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease.

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Leveraging Real Results Parties

The best way to successfully launch your business is a Real Results Party. The purpose of a Nerium Real Results Party (RRP) is to give a high-level overview presentation of Nerium, its products and the opportunity.

Why are Real Results Parties so effective? _

- They're simple, low key and most importantly fun.
- They're easy to duplicate with a proven formula for success.
- They allow you to share Nerium products and opportunity with multiple people at once.

All you need to do now is decide what kind of party you'd like to host. You can use one of our suggested themes shown below, or your own imagination as a guide!







Create your own Party

You can also host a 3UR Free Party! Important things to remember about 3UR Free parties include:

- They focus on product only.
- They help your Preferred Customers qualify for the 3UR Free program.
- They help you acquire new retail or Preferred Customers.

Ready to Party?

For complete details about RRPs or 3UR Free Parties, please download the Real Results Party Toolkit or watch the training module in your Online Training Center.

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Master the "2-A-Day"

Use the "Sort vs. Sell" strategy with Nerium's 2-A-Day Promotion System. Simply share Nerium's products or Brand Partner opportunity with at least two people each day, every day.





Pique Interest. Start the conversation by sharing the products and what they have done for your skin.



Use Third-Party Tools. Nerium's magazines and other third-party tools allow you to be the messenger, not the message. Say less and let the tools say more!



Set Follow Up. Schedule a specific time to check in with prospects on the information you have shared.



Follow Up. Ask your prospects what they like most about Nerium.

3-Way Call. Call with the help of an upline leader. This will allow you to get all their questions answered right away from a credible source. Live Event. Invite your prospect to a RRP or a Market Party. This is where all the magic happens!

One-on-One Meeting.

Whether at a local coffee shop or over the phone, give prospects your personal attention.



Sponsor. Sponsoring a new Brand Partner and acquiring Preferred Customers is vital. Make sure your new Brand Partners go through New Brand Partner Training. Also, encourage new Preferred Customers to get their product free through the 3UR Free program.

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Brand Partners' earnings.

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Nerium Compensation

Brand Partners get paid multiple ways through our Compensation Plan. You have the opportunity to earn a percentage of the packs and products you and your team sell. Below are examples of earning potential. See the Compensation Plan for complete details.

WEEKLY MONEY



LIVE BETTER BONUS

Get financially rewarded for reaching advanced ranks. You must maintain personal NMD qualifications to maintain each rank and meet all qualifications to earn a Live Better Bonus. Grace Period does not apply.



All commissions and bonuses defined in this document are paid in U.S. dollars. Please see Compensation Plan for complete details on all bonuses.

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Build Your Customer Base



Percentage

Earned

Sell your products

Earn extra profit by selling bottles from Packs or the Nerium Gives Back Program at retail value. Acquire Preferred Customers and earn CAB Bonuses based on the number of PCs you've enrolled.

40%

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Marketing Director

40%

CAB BY RANK ADVANCEMENT Senior Regional Brand Brand Partner Director Director Director

35%

30%

CAB BY	PREFERRED	CUSTOMERS
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20%

	3	6	9
	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
	Customers	Customers	Customers
Percentage Earned	30%	35%	40%

POTENTIAL LONG-TERM INCOME

Customer Commissionable Volume (CCV)	Earning Potential
201–400	10%
401-1000	15%
1001+	25%

All commissions and bonuses defined in this document are paid in U.S. dollars.

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3UR Free Program

Personally sponsor at least three Preferred Customers and receive your next month's Nerium ADO FREE! All three Preferred Customer orders must process during the same calendar month to qualify you for your free ADO the following month.

REASONS TO PROMOTE 3UR FREE:

- 1. You can get your Nerium product for free.
- 2. You can help your Preferred Customers and Brand Partners get their Nerium product for free.
- 3. Earn Nerium Gives Back product for each new personally sponsored Preferred Customer.
- 4. Increase your retention rate. People don't stop using free product.
- 5. Increase your commissions with high customer retention rate.
- 6. New Preferred Customers equal more Customer Acquisition Bonuses.

Make it a goal to help each one of your Preferred Customers and Brand Partners qualify for 3UR Free. You can do this by hosting 3UR Free Real Results Parties for them and making sure they know how to refer friends to their website.



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Nerium Gives Back Program

HOW NERIUM GIVES BACK (NGB) WORKS:

1. Enroll a new Preferred Customer or Brand Partner with an Auto-Delivery Order.



- 2. Earn NGB Rewards Points for each enrolled qualifying Preferred Customer or Brand Partner.
- **3.** Choose any product as an NGB Reward. For example, be awarded points by enrolling new PCs with Nerium Night Cream, and then you can redeem the points for EHT or Eye Serum. It's up to you!
- 4. Redeem all or some of your points at your discretion. You decide when you want to redeem your rewards.

Example:



1. Enroll Enroll a new Preferred Customer or Brand Partner with an Auto-Delivery Order.



2. Earn Earn NGB points for each enrolled qualifying Preferred Customer or Brand Partner.



3. Choose Choose any of our Nerium products as an NGB Reward. For example, you will be awarded points by enrolling a new PC with Body Contour Cream and then you can redeem these points for EHT. It's up to you!



4. Redeem Use all or some of your points at your discretion. NGB Rewards points expire 180 days from the date they are earned.

Note: NGB Rewards points expire 180 days from the date they are earned. Refer to the NGB Rewards area in your Online Business Center for point earnings possibilities.

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Brand Partner Support

Know Who to Contact

Upline Leader Support vs. Corporate Support

At Nerium International, we encourage our Brand Partners to leverage their upline leadership team and the corporate staff. Need help or have a specific question? Don't know who to call? Use the tips below to point you in the right direction.

Call upline leadership team on topics like:

- · How the Compensation Plan works
- What you need to do to advance to the next level
- Where to find the next live event in your market
- Clarifications on programs such as Road Map to Lexus, etc.

Call customer service on topics like:

- Issues with Auto-Delivery Orders
- Website or other technical support questions
- Problems signing up a new Preferred Customer or Brand Partner

Answers to questions regarding Nerium products can be found in the Product Training Guide.

Corporate Support

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. CT

Phone (Continental U.S.):	855-463-7486
Phone (U.S. Territories):	855-453-1020
Fax:	214-390-9988
Website & FAQ:	neriumsupport.com
Happiness Heroes (Customer Care Team):	844-525-2008

DIRECT EMAILS

Live Events:	events@nerium.com
"Before" & "After" Photos:	realresults@nerium.com
Field Pictures, including: iPad, Lexus, Party Pictures, Live Events, Nerium Gives Back	socialmedia@nerium.com

VENDOR SUPPORT

Paylution (Direct Deposit):

877-546-8220

Check for answers on the ONLINE NERIUM SUPPORT CENTER (NERIUMSUPPORT.COM) before calling.

Connect with Nerium



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Nerium's Achievements

2011:

- Launched in August with a corporate staff of 13
- Company built upon one product: Age-Defying Night Cream, NeriumAD® Formula

2012:

- Awarded Bravo Award for Growth from Direct Selling News
- Youngest company to make Direct Selling News' Global 100 List of relationship marketing companies, ranking #86
- Achieved over \$100M in annual revenue

2013:

- Awarded the Community Impact Award from Big Brothers Big Sisters for raising over \$500K in one year
- Launched Age-Defying Day Cream, NeriumAD Formula in the U.S.
- Founder and CEO, Jeff Olson launched Live Happy magazine
- Achieved over \$200M in annual revenue
- Ranked #54 on Direct Selling News' Global 100 List of relationship marketing companies

2014:

- Inducted into Direct Selling News' \$100 Million Growth Club
- Raised \$1 million for Big Brothers Big Sisters, becoming the largest corporate workplace donor
- Launched in Canada and Mexico with Age-Defying Night and Day Creams, Optimera™ Formula
- Introduced Firming Body Contour Cream, NeriumAD Formula in U.S.
- Won seven Stevie Awards, three MarCom Awards and two Best in Biz Awards
- Ranked #40 on Direct Selling News' Global 100 List of relationship marketing companies
- Achieved over \$400M in annual revenue

2015:

- Introduced new proprietary ingredient SIG-1273® in Optimera Formula
- Launched EHT[®] Age-Defying Supplement, Mind Enhancement[™] Formula in the U.S. and Firming Body Contour Cream, Optimera Formula in Canada and Mexico
- · Awarded Big Brothers Big Sisters President's Award, the organization's highest corporate honor
- Opened in South Korea with Age-Defying Night and Day Creams, Optimera Plus™ Formula
- Won *Dallas Business Journal* Best Places to Work Award, WWD Global 100 Award, three Stevie Awards and six CEO World Awards
- Received several prestigious marketing awards, including MarCom, Hermes and GDUSA
- Hit \$1 Billion dollars in cumulative sales

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