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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT					
9	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION					
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11	HELEN JIA, an individual; SARAH SORMILLON, an individual; and all those	Case	No			
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13	Plaintiffs,	ORIO	GINAL COM	PLAINT –		
15	V.	CLA	SS ACTION			
16	NERIUM INTERNATIONAL, LLC, a					
17	Texas Limited Liability Company; NERIUM SKIN CARE, INC., a Texas					
18	Corporation, NATURAL TECHNOLOGY, INC dba	[DEN	MAND FOR J	URY TRIAL]		
19	NATURTECH; JEFF OLSON, an					
20	individual; RENEE OLSON, an individual; AMBER OLSON ROURKE,					
21	an individual; MICHAEL SHOUHED, an					
22	individual; KELLY HEFERNAN; and DOES 1-10,					
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24	Defendants.					
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I.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CASE

2 Nerium International, LLC ("Nerium") and their conspirators 1. represented to plaintiffs Helen Jia and Sarah Sormillon (collectively, the 3 4 "Plaintiffs") that Nerium provides a business opportunity that can build "a dream 5 lifestyle" and that Plaintiffs could be financially independent by virtue of selling Nerium's "age-defying" creams. But in reality, these promises of riches, wealth, 6 and gifts couldn't be further from the truth. Characterized by some of its former 7 8 employees as a scam and a cult, Nerium touts that it has generated one billion 9 dollars in cumulative sales after just four years. These sales are based on the recruitment of new brand partners into the pyramid scheme that Nerium has 10 11 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.

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

II. **<u>TYPE OF ACTION</u>**

2 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 Law (California's Penal Code § 327 and California Civil Code § 1689.2), 4 California's Unfair Competition Law (Business and Professions Code §17200 et 5 seq.), False Advertising Law (Business and Professions Code §17500), and 6 7 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1961 et seq. 8 against all defendants for the operation and promotion of an inherently fraudulent 9 endless chain scheme.

10 III. PARTIES

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

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

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.

18 10. Defendant Nerium Skincare, Inc. ("Skincare") is a Texas corporation
19 that does business in the State of California and at 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 112,
20 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.

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Defendant Amber Olson Rourke ("Amber") is the Chief Marketing
 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.

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

8 15. Defendant Kelly Hefernan ("Hefernan") is an individual and a resident
9 of Los Angeles County, California. She actively participates in, promotes, and
10 profits from Nerium's pyramid scheme.

11 16. Shouhed and Hefernan were involved in promoting the Nerium
12 opportunity using the likeness of celebrities, including without limitation, Ray
13 Liotta.

14 17. Jeff, Renee, Amber, Shouhed, and Heffernan, are referred to
15 collectively hereinafter, as the "Individual Defendants."

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IV. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

17 18. Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court because Defendants do business
in this judicial district, they hold themselves out and market their business opportunity
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
affected in the class (and perhaps more persons) are residents of the State of
California. Jurisdiction exists over the RICO causes of action and Federal Securities
claim, pled in the alternative.

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

- 20. 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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21. Nerium has committed tortious acts in this State.

5 22. Each of the Defendants named herein acted as a co-conspirator, single
6 enterprise, joint venture, co-conspirator, or alter ego of, or for, the other Defendants
7 with respect to the acts, omissions, violations, representations, and common course
8 of conduct alleged herein, and ratified said conduct, aided and abetted, or is other
9 liable. Defendants have agreements with each other, and other unnamed Director
10 co-conspirators and have reached agreements to market and promote the Nerium
11 pyramid as alleged herein.

12 23. Defendants, along with unnamed Director co-conspirators, were part of
13 the leadership team that participated with Nerium, and made decisions regarding:
14 products, services, marketing strategy, compensation plans (both public and secret),
15 incentives, contests and other matters. In addition, Defendants and unnamed co16 conspirators were directly and actively involved in decisions to develop and amend
17 the compensation plans.

18 24. Plaintiffs are presently unaware of the true identities and capacities of 19 fictitiously named Defendants designated as DOES 1 through 10, but will amend this complaint or any subsequent pleading when their identities and capacities have been 20 ascertained according to proof. On information and belief, each and every DOE 21 defendant is in some manner responsible for the acts and conduct of the other 22 Defendants herein, and each DOE was, and is, responsible for the injuries, damages, 23 24 and harm incurred by Plaintiffs. Each reference in this complaint to "defendant," "defendants," or a specifically named defendant, refers also to all of the named 25 defendants and those unknown parties sued under fictitious names. 26

27 25. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege that, at all times
28 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 2 reference in this complaint to "defendant," "defendants," or a specifically named defendant, refers also to the above-referenced unincorporated association as a jural 3 entity and each defendant herein is sued in its additional capacity as an active and 4 participating member thereof. Based upon the allegations set forth in this Complaint, 5 fairness requires the association of defendants to be recognized as a legal entity, as 6 the association has violated Plaintiff and Class Members' legal rights. 7

8 Plaintiffs are further informed and believe and thereon allege that each 26. 9 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 10 with full knowledge of the consequences thereof, and memorialized the authority of 11 the agent in a writing subscribed by the principal. 12

Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege, that each of the 13 27. 14 defendants herein agreed among each other to commit the unlawful acts (or acts by unlawful means) described in this Complaint. 15

The desired effect of the conspiracy was to defraud and otherwise 16 28. deprive Plaintiffs and Class Members (as hereinafter defined) of their constitutionally 17 18 protected rights to property, and of their rights under other laws as set forth herein. 19 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 20 21 consequence.

- V. FACTS
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Nerium Operates A Pyramid Scheme A.

24 29. Nerium was founded back in 2011 by co-defendant Jeff Olson ("Olson"). Olson previously created and operated the People's Network, another 25 MLM Company that has since cratered. 26

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Nerium has stated gross revenues of 516 million dollars in 2015. 30.

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

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32. 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.

33. 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.

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

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

20 36. Defendant Nerium sells a skin care product in the form of a skin cream
21 named "Nerium AD."

37. Nerium claims the key active ingredient in Nerium AD is an extract ofthe Nerium Oleander plant.

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

39. 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

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- texture, poor skin tone, enlarged pores and aging loose skin.
- 5 40. Nerium markets Nerium AD as purportedly being backed by "Real
 6 Science" and as producing "Real Results."

Specifically, the actual labeling of the product falsely claims "age-7 41. defying supplement," "helps protect against common age-related mental decline 8 9 with a groundbreaking formula that includes our exclusive, patented EHT extract, a natural mixture of bioactive molecules isolated from coffee, promotes better 10 cognitive function and overall brain health, improves memory and recall, fortifies 11 and strengthens natural brain functions, increases focus and mental alertness, 12 protects and supports neuronal networking, enhances the body's natural energy 13 14 stores, and boosts the body's immune system.

- 15 42. Nerium claims the purported results achieved by using Nerium AD are
 16 "based on proven science and actual customer success."
- 43. 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.
- 44. 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.

45. 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.

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improvements achieved by using Nerium AD skin cream have not been validated or confirmed by any recognized or peer reviewed scientific studies.

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47. 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.

On information and belief, Nerium's claims of dramatic skin

48. On information and belief, Defendant Nerium and the Defendant
Nerium 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 Nerium Partners, for Defendants' commercial benefit and gain.

49. 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."

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

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

27 52. Another Brand Partner of Nerium complained on Glassdoor.com as to
28 the cons of Nerium: "Where do I start? The product is very expensive and it's hard

1 to get people to keep buying it, you have to convince them to come on board to sell 2 it so they can get theirs cheaper or free, etc. Not everyone wants to sell and you get a 3 lot of no's. Someone can get botox and juvederm cheaper than they can get a few months of this. The before/after pics always seem to be in different light so it's hard 4 5 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 really into it, it seems like a cult almost, like the church of Nerium. Glory be 6 7 to God and Nerium is what they say. It's laughable. You get a "free" Lexus that they 8 pay 500.00 towards. But if your sales go down, membership goes down, etc you are 9 stuck with a lease. I'd rather have the money. Just don't do it. These people are borderline nuts." 10

11 53. Another former employee commented on Glassdoor.com: "[not] just a
12 pyramid scheme...Some of the training techniques are about the same as
13 brainwashing..."

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

17 55. Ordinary customers can purchase the products on websites like Ebay or18 Amazon, for considerably less than a brand partner pays for the products.

19 56. By signing persons up, Nerium is frontloading "Brand Partners" with20 significant product.

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

S8. Only through recruiting, does a Brand Partner receive "team
commissions," which is where a Brand Partner obtains residual income paid out up
to 10 levels. In other words, team commissions pay 10 levels above the pyramid
when new brand partners are signed up.

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59. Nerium falsely and misleadingly claimed the following to Plaintiffs and the Class:

You can receive a "live better bonus of \$150,000." 3 "With Nerium International, you can have everything." Further, 4 5 "[o]ur program allows you the life-changing career to tailor your 6 career to unlimited success, your way... They incentivize you to 7 become the best person you can be... I quickly earned my 8 Lexus... I got an i-pad bonus... You can pay off your student 9 loans... I wanted to retire my parents." You "get paid to party." The representation "[i]f you want your 10 future on your terms, get with your referring brand partner for 11 more information." 12 CEO Jeff Olson claims, "[w]e have people who've earned their 13 14 iPads, they've earned their cars, earned dream vacations, great 15 incomes, six figure incomes, people making adult incomes, people making incomes that put them in the top 5 percentile of 16 17 the United States." 18 While Nerium's website professes that it provides its distributors 19 with financial freedom, its outdated, hard-to-find, U.S. 2013 Income Declaration is misleading affirmatively, and by 20 21 omission. 22 "I wanted to be able to get out there and retire my parents. I 23 wanted to be able to go out there and make an impact in their 24 life, and Nerium gave me that opportunity." 25

 "When 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."

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"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."

Nerium constitutes an exploitive money transfer scheme. Contrary to 60. Nerium's representation that it is "a proven system for people to make significant amount of money," the average income of Nerium Brand Partners reflects that 7 8 nearly every brand partner in Nerium makes minimum wage to nothing.

9 61. If Nerium's products were so effective, partners would not be marketing benefits from people who are not even using the product. 10

11 62. Nerium asserts it has a return policy of 30 days, but Brand Partners have to pay for shipping and handling fees. 12

13 63. The Wyoming Attorney General has asserted distributors used prohibited income representations, the SEC has asserted Nerium has marked 14 payments to salespeople as assets instead of expenses, and Nerium settled 400 15 lawsuits in just the State of Missouri. 16

TINA.org, a non-profit organization, conducted an investigation into 17 64. Nerium. The investigation revealed that Nerium and its high-level Brand Partners 18 19 were engaged in a deceptive marketing campaign for both the Nerium business opportunity and Nerium's products. 20

21 65. First, TINA.org found that Nerium, through its distributors, is using a plethora of deceptive and unsubstantiated health and disease-treatment claims to sell 22 its products. In fact, TINA.org compiled over 100 examples of unsubstantiated 23 24 health and disease treatment claims made about Nerium products, such as being able to treat, cure, or alleviate the symptoms of autism, post-traumatic stress disorder, 25 Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, psoriasis, eczema, acne, and rosacea. The 26 27 examples are available at https://www.truthinadvertising.org/nerium-health-claims-28 database/.

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

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.

7 68. Second, TINA.org's investigation revealed that Nerium and its 8 distributors are using deceptive, atypical, and unsubstantiated income claims 9 regarding the financial gains consumers will achieve by becoming distributors. For example, Nerium advertises that its distributors can become millionaires and earn 10 incomes that can put them in the top 5% of U.S. income earners. Not only are such 11 results not typical, but marketing claims that boast atypical results are made without 12 13 clearly and conspicuously providing appropriate income disclosures. TINA.org compiled over 100 instances of these types of income claims, which are all available 14 at https://www.truthinadvertising.org/nerium-incomeclaims-database/. 15

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

19 70. Nerium represents "[1]iving life on your own terms," "enjoying
20 financial freedom," "having fun and helping others to have fun," "you can take
21 control of your destiny with this opportunity," "[w]e have a simple proven system,"
22 and "what a better way to earn part time to full time income with products you
23 love."

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

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

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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.

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

Third, Nerium prohibits Brand Partners from selling the products in the 12 74. only forum for a where Brand Partners could reasonably expect to sell enough 13 14 product to make a meaningful profit: the internet. Some examples of these prohibited websites include, but are not limited to: eBay, Amazon or Craigslist. In 15 addition, Nerium forbids its Brand Partners from selling Nerium products at almost 16 17 all brick-and-mortar establishments. Nerium seeks to limit the Distributors to oneon-one situations in private locations (such as the Brand Partner's or a friend's 18 19 home), but achieving significant, profitable retail sales by this method is extremely difficult. 20

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
Partners—including both money paid them by Nerium and proceeds from retail
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.

26 76. Nerium also makes false and/or inadequate income disclosures in that
27 in many instances, it does not disclose income of those who are distributors, or
28 provides 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 2 nearly all participants in fact, lose money.

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Because Nerium pays the executives at the top of the pyramid exorbitant 77. 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 losses are borne out by Nerium's own financial disclosures and the experiences of the Plaintiffs and multiple other Brand Partners.

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The Individual Defendants and Nerium Promote the Pyramid C.

9 78. The Individual Defendants are persons at the top of Nerium's pyramid. All of the Individual Defendants achieved ranks of top executive. They are in the top 10 1% of Distributors who make the most lucrative bonuses. They actively participate in 11 the Nerium pyramid scheme, and they profit from the compensation plan at the 12 expense of the vast majority of Brand Partners. 13

14 79. Nerium and the Individual Defendants promote the pyramid scheme and 15 make misleading claims of financial success.

16 80. In coordination with Nerium, the Individual Defendants have flooded the internet with promotional materials designed to lure in new Brand Partners. Nerium 17 18 and the Individual Defendants promote the scheme as a lawful program that, with 19 sufficient hard work, virtually guarantees financial success. Nerium and the Individual Defendants promote Nerium as a reliable source of significant income. 20

Jeff is the Chief Executive Officer of Nerium. Jeff contrived, prepared, 21 81. set up, and developed the structure and parameters of the Brand Partners' program, 22 and the Brand Partners' endless chain scheme alleged herein above. As a top 23 24 executive, visionary leader, and member of the Board for Nerium, Jeff has been, and is currently responsible for operating the Nerium endless chain scheme and directing 25 others on the operation of the Nerium endless chain scheme. Jeff is also the very 26 public face of Nerium. Promotional materials describe Jeff as the leader of the 27 Nerium opportunity. Jeff's photograph and biography are prominently placed on 28

Nerium's website and Nerium's product brochures, promotional materials, and
 documents with Jeff's information is provided to recruits. Jeff 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.

Renee is the Chief Leadership Officer of Nerium. Renee contrived, 6 82. prepared, set up, and developed the structure and parameters of the Brand Partners' 7 8 program, and the Brand Partners' endless chain scheme alleged herein above. As a 9 top executive, visionary leader, and member of the Board for Nerium, Renee has been, and is currently responsible for operating the Nerium endless chain scheme 10 and directing others on the operation of the Nerium endless chain scheme. Renee's 11 photograph and biography are prominently placed on Nerium's website and 12 Nerium's product brochures, promotional materials, and documents with Renee's 13 information is provided to recruits. Renee travels extensively on behalf of Nerium to 14 15 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 16 affiliates under the Nerium program. 17

18 83. Amber is the Chief Marketing Officer of Nerium. Amber contrived, 19 prepared, set up, and developed the structure and parameters of the Brand Partners' program, and the Brand Partners' endless chain scheme alleged herein above. As a 20 top executive, visionary leader, and member of the Board for Nerium, Amber has 21 been, and is currently responsible for operating the Nerium endless chain scheme 22 and directing others on the operation of the Nerium endless chain scheme. Amber's 23 24 photograph and biography are prominently placed on Nerium's website and Nerium's product brochures, promotional materials, and documents with Renee's 25 information is provided to recruits. Amber travels extensively on behalf of Nerium 26 27 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 1 2 affiliates under the Nerium program.

To sell the financial-success promise, Nerium and the Individual 84. Defendants flaunt the wealth of the highest-ranked Brand Partners and those few 5 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).

8 85. The Individual Defendants have produced videos and made statements 9 via the internet knowingly promoting Nerium's pyramid scheme and touting the financial rewards supposedly available to participants. Each of these statements 10 furthered the pyramid scheme by encouraging persons to become Brand Partners and 11 by encouraging Distributors to remain Brand Partners and pursue the Nerium business 12 opportunity. 13

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 breach of duty and gives substantial assistance or encouragement to the other to so 16 17 act.

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

The Individual Defendants were also facilitating orders for an unlawful 21 88. pyramid scheme and that Nerium's website made false, misleading, and deceptive 22 claims and engaged in unfair business practices. 23

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

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

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91. Each of the Individual Defendants did this with the knowledge and 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 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 further encourage participation.

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

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93. The Individual Defendants each acted with specific intent of aiding and 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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D. Plaintiffs Are Victims Of The Pyramid Scheme

19 95. Plaintiff Jia first became an Nerium Brand Partner on or about 2012 to 2013 by making purchases and buying the starter pack. Plaintiff Jia continued to 20 renew Nerium and pay monies toward the endless chain account years thereafter, 21 and the endless chain account continues to be maintained and paid for. Plaintiff Jia 22 paid between \$1200-\$1500 towards the opportunity, which did not include out of 23 pocket expenses for the opportunity. Plaintiff Jia was deceived by Nerium's 24 misleading opportunity believing, the opportunity was a legitimate way to earn 25 26 money (even though that representation by Nerium and those representations made by the Individual Defendants were false), and Plaintiff Jia did in fact lose money as 27 a result of Defendants' unfair, unlawful, and fraudulent business practice. 28

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.

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

Nerium through itself and the Defendants, and Jia's upline actually 7 98. 8 made the representations (or in similar form) to Plaintiffs as reflected in ¶¶ 31, 35, 9 37, 38, 39-43, and 58 in written presentations, disclosures, online materials, online, orally, at various times for Jia in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and as for Sormillon, 2016. 10 Nerium also made income and other business representations to Sormillon, as 11 reflected in exhibit A attached to this Complaint, and as to Jia, as reflected in exhibit 12 B attached to this Complaint. Representations (or ones similar thereto) were made 13 by Plaintiffs to both Defendants, attached hereto as Exhibits A through D. 14

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

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

27 102. That the Nerium opportunity was a pyramid scheme, was a fact
28 concealed by the Defendants through their Application, their Policies Manual (as

later defined), through their training manuals, distribution materials, marketing materials, 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.

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

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

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

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E. Nerium's Documents Of Adhesion

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

106. Upon recent investigation of the Application, it has been determined that
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 incorporated herein, shall be resolved by binding arbitration administered

by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") and conducted under its rules, and 1 2 the arbitration proceeding shall be held in Dallas, Texas, as is more particularly set forth in Section 11.06 of the Nerium International Policies and Procedures Manual" 3 ("Policies Manual"). 4 5 107. However, § 11.06 of the Policies Manual does not even discuss 6 arbitration. 7 108. Upon further investigation, § 11.09 of the Policies Manual provides: 8 a) Except as expressly set forth herein, all disputes, claims and 9 controversies between Brand Partner and the Company relating to or 10 arising out of the Agreement, the Compensation Plan, this Policy Manual, other documents produced by the Company, or the 11 Company's products, the rights and obligations of Brand Partner 12 and the Company or any other claims or causes of action relating to the performance of any Brand Partner under the Agreement and this 13 Policy Manual shall be settled totally finally and exclusively by 14 arbitration through the Company's Alternative Dispute Resolution 15 Procedure ("ADR Procedure"). A copy of the Company's ADR Procedure has been delivered to Brand Partner and can be obtained 16 from the Company by written request. No legal action can be filed 17 in any court concerning a Dispute as defined in the ADR Procedure. The Disputes subject to arbitration include claims that Brand 18 Partner's termination was illegal or unlawful. 19 b) Arbitration is commonly used and accepted technique for resolving 20 Disputes in a timely, cost-efficient manner. Any Brand Partner who feels that his or her termination was unlawful may file a claim and 21 initiate the arbitration process directly, or through an attorney, 22 within six months of the termination decision. c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the arbitrator shall have no 23 jurisdiction over disputes relating to the ownership, validity or 24 registration of any mark or other intellectual property or proprietary 25 or confidential information of the Company without the Company's prior written consent. The Company may seek any applicable 26 remedy in any applicable forum with respect to these disputes and 27 with respect to money owing to the Company. In addition to monetary damages, the Company may obtain injunctive relief 28

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1	against Brand Partner for any violation of the Agreement or misuse of the Company's trademark, copyright or confidential information				
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3	d) Nothing in this rule shall prevent the Company from applying to and obtaining from any court having jurisdiction a writ of attachment, a				
4 5	temporary injunction, preliminary injunction and/or other injunctive				
5 6	or emergency relief available to safeguard and protect the Company's interests prior to the filing of or during or following any				
7	arbitration or other proceeding or pending the handing down of a				
8	decision or award in connection with any arbitration or other proceeding.				
9	e) Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to give the arbitrator any				
10	authority, power or right to alter, change, amend, modify, add to, or to subtract from any of the provisions of this Agreement.				
11	(Policies Manual, § 11.09).				
12	109. According to Nerium, a person becomes a brand partner Nerium when				
13	he or she buys a "starter pack."				
14	110. As for Plaintiff Sormillon, like other class members who signed up				
15	online, Sormillon did not have to sign or agree to the Application, nor Policies				
16	Manual prior to purchasing a starter pack to become a Brand Partner. (See Figure No.				
17	1).				
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23	111. Several screens prior to Figure No. 1, the screen on Nerium's website				
24	provides "I agree to Nerium International Terms of Service" next to a check box so				
25	that an individual could sign up for an "Edge Subscription." (See Figure No. 2				
26	below).				
27	FIGURE NO. 2				
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,	NEXT MONTH'S EDGE SUBSCRIPTION SUBTOTAL (1 Items) \$29.95 TOTAL \$29.95 Disclaimers Isign me up for happy news, tips and smiles with Live Happy Communications. I agree to Nerium International Terms of Service SAVE AND PLACE ORDER
-	RETURNS SPAM POLICY FAQ POLICIES & PROCEDURES TERMS & CONDITIONS BLOG PRIVACY POLICY 90 DAY GALLERY Country: Canada More + VISIT US ON: If Im In It I
	 112. However, "Terms of Service" is not one of the documents on the Nerius site, nor any document presented to Sormillon and/or other class members online. 113. The arbitration policy of Nerium is unenforceable and unconscionable for several reasons based on law and fact. 114. Plaintiffs' and the Class Members' participation in Nerium's endless chain is embodied through invoices, receipts, and open account statements (among other documents). VI. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS 115. Plaintiffs seek to represent a nationwide class defined as follows: 116. Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action under Federal Rule of Civi Procedure 23. 117. Plaintiffs seek to certify a class pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23(a), 23(c)(4), and 23(c)(5), if necessary. 118. 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. 119. Subject to confirmation, clarification and/or modification based on discovery to be conducted in this action, Plaintiffs also seek to represent a sub-class

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in California, defined as follows: persons residing in California who paid start-up 2 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 5 their participation in the Nerium scheme.

120. Subject to confirmation, clarification and/or modification based on 6 discovery to be conducted in this action, Plaintiffs also seeks to represent a sub-class 7 8 of all worldwide participants of Nerium, defined as follows: persons residing 9 anywhere in the World who paid start-up fees, monthly fees, annual fees, seminar 10 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 11 Nerium exceeded income received from their participation in the Nerium scheme. 12

121. Pursuant to the previous paragraph of this complaint, the damage to any 13 person living anywhere else other than the United States involved a domestic injury 14 15 to business or property because all contracts of independent business owners were negotiated, executed, and stored on a server in the United States owned by Nerium, 16 and are available on the worldwide web, involved a significant connection to 17 18 domestic commerce in that the labeling, products, and other parts of the 19 manufacturing and sales and marketing process were conducted from the United States, and for other reasons to be provided according to proof, and after the 20 opportunity for discovery. 21

22 122. Excluded from the class are the Defendants, executives of Nerium, family members, this Court. 23

24 Plaintiffs seek to pursue a private attorney general action for injunctive 101. relief for themselves and all members of the class, and they satisfy the standing and 25 class action requirements. 26

102. While the exact number of members in the Class and Subclasses are 27 unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, and can only be determined by appropriate 28

discovery, membership in the class and subclasses is ascertainable based upon the records maintained by Defendant. It is estimated that the members of the Class are 2 greater than 100,000, nationwide. 3

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

104. There are questions of law and/or fact common to the class and 6 subclasses, including but not limited to: (a) Whether Nerium is operating an endless 7 8 chain; (b) Whether Distributors paid money to Nerium for (1) the right to sell a 9 product and (2) the right to receive, in return for recruiting others, rewards which were unrelated to the sale of the product to retail consumers; (c) Whether Nerium's 10 rules apply to Section 327 claims; (d) If the Nerium rules do apply, are Nerium's 11 rules effective; (e) If the Nerium rules do apply, and Nerium's rules are effective, 12 did Nerium enforce those rules; (f) Whether Nerium or the Individual Defendants 13 14 omitted 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) 15 Whether Nerium's statements of compensation during the Class Period were 16 deceptive and misleading; (h) Whether Nerium's conduct constitutes an unlawful, 17 unfair and/or deceptive trade practice under California state law; (i) Whether 18 19 Nerium's conduct constitutes unfair competition under California state law; and (j) Whether Nerium's conduct constitutes false advertising under California state law. 20

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105. These and other questions of law and/or fact are common to the class and subclasses and predominate over any question affecting only individual class 22 23 members.

24 106. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the class and subclasses in that Plaintiffs were Brand Partners for Defendant Nerium and lost money because of 25 the illegal scheme. 26

27 107. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class and subclasses. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the class and subclasses. 28

Plaintiffs' interests are fully aligned with those of the class and subclasses. Plaintiffs			
have retained counsel experienced and skilled in complex class action litigation.			
108. Class action treatment is superior to the alternatives for the fair and			
efficient adjudication of the controversy alleged, because such treatment will allow			
many similarly-situated persons to pursue their common claims in a single forum			
simultaneously, efficiently and without unnecessary duplication of evidence, effort,			
and expense that numerous individual actions would engender.			
109. Plaintiffs know of no difficulty likely to be encountered in the			
management that would preclude its maintenance as a class action.			
VII. CLASS ACTION COUNTS			
<u>COUNT I</u>			
Declaratory Judgment Declaring the Arbitration Provision Unenforceable			
(Plaintiffs on Behalf of Themselves And Those Similarly Situated, Against All			
Defendants, including DOES 1 through 10)			
110. Plaintiffs reallege all allegations as if fully set forth herein, and			
incorporate previous allegations by reference.			
111. Neither Plaintiff assented to an arbitration policy of Nerium in			
becoming a Brand Partner.			
112. In the alternative, the arbitration policy of Nerium is unconscionable.			
113. The arbitration provision is alternatively, unenforceable as a matter of			
fact, and law.			
114. For these reasons, and those legal reasons to be stated in connection			
with any motion practice initiated by the Defendants, the Court should declare that			
the arbitration provision is illusory, lacks consideration, is unenforceable, and that			
the Plaintiffs' claims and the Classes' claims are properly before this Court.			
<u>COUNT II</u>			
ENDLESS CHAIN SCHEME; California Penal Code § 327 and Section 1689.2			
of the California Civil Code			
ORIGINAL COMPLAINT – CLASS ACTION 20			

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

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

98. 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."

10 99. The Defendants are operating an endless chain scheme under Section
11 327 of the Penal Code because they have contrived, prepared, set up, and proposed
12 an endless chain as pled in the factual section of this Complaint.

13 100. The Nerium operation constitute a scheme for the disposal or
14 distribution of property whereby class members pay a valuable consideration for the
15 chance to receive compensation for introducing one or more additional persons into
16 participation in the scheme or for the chance to receive compensation when a person
17 introduced by the participant introduces a new participant.

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

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

26 103. Independently, the Nerium operations constitute an endless chain
27 because Defendants' commissions, income, lottery gifts like vehicles, and free

products were based on a current member's sales of memberships to new members
 and not the sale of products.

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

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

COUNT III

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

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

17 106. Plaintiffs reallege all allegations as if fully set forth herein, and18 incorporate previous allegations by reference.

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

108. 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.

109. Nerium has engaged in constant and continuous unlawful, fraudulent
and unfair business acts or practices, and unfair, deceptive, false and misleading
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

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as a wrongful business practice that has victimized and continues to victimize 2 thousands of consumers for which Plaintiffs' seek to enjoin from further operation. The Nerium Sales and Marketing Plan Is Unlawful. 3

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

111. Nerium's business practices are unlawful under § 17200 because they constitute an illegal "endless chain" as defined under, and prohibited by, California Penal Code § 327. 8

9 112. Nerium utilizes its illegal "endless chain" with the intent, directly or indirectly, to dispose of property in Nerium's products and to convince Distributors 10 to recruit others to do the same. 11

Nerium's business practices are unlawful pursuant to §17200 because 12 113. they violate §17500 et seq., as alleged in the Fourth Count. 13

14 114. Under California Business and Professions Code § 17200, a 15 "fraudulent" business practice is one that is likely to deceive the public.

Nerium's business practices are fraudulent in two separately actionable 16 115. ways: (1) Nerium's business constitutes an illegal and deceptive "endless chain;" (2) 17 18 the touted, yet non-existent, Nerium "business opportunity" is for everyone, 19 including but not limited to Nerium's massive advertising campaign and the misleading statements of compensation. 20

116. First, as detailed herein, Defendants promoted participation in the 21 Nerium endless chain, which has a compensation program based on payments to 22 participants for the purchase of product by participants, not the retail sale of 23 24 products or services.

25 117. Nerium has made numerous misleading representations to Plaintiffs about the business opportunity of Nerium and the income that a recruit or a 26 27 distributor can realize by becoming a distributor, and participating in the scheme.

1 118. Nerium knew, or should have known, that the representations about the
 2 business opportunity of Nerium were misleading in nature.

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

120. 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 "full time" or "part time" opportunities.

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

13 122. As part of this campaign and a further inducement to potential 14 Distributors, Nerium made and disseminated statements of compensation that 15 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 16 claimed "business opportunity," (2) by highlighting the successful persons, i.e., 17 those that received compensation from Nerium, and the average gross compensation 18 19 paid by Nerium to those persons, (3) by failing to disclose the actual number of successful persons as compared to the number of Distributors who received no 20 compensation from Nerium, and (4) by downplaying and omitting the risks and 21 costs involved in starting an Nerium Distributorship and succeeding in such a 22 Distributorship. 23

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

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124. Nerium knew, or should have known, that the selective information presented to distributors in the compensation and its massive adverting campaign during that time frame touting its purported "business opportunity" was likely to mislead the public and did in fact mislead the public into believing that there was a 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, however, there was no such "business opportunity," except for a very select few.

8 125. As a direct result of Nerium' fraudulent representations and omissions
9 regarding the Statement and the massive adverting campaign during that time frame
10 and thereafter touting Nerium's purported "business opportunity" described herein,
11 Nerium wrongly acquired money from Plaintiffs and the members of the classes.

12 126. The named Plaintiffs have standing to bring these § 17200 claims under
13 the fraudulent prong, and can demonstrate actual reliance on the alleged fraudulent
14 conduct.

15 127. For instance, Plaintiffs have been in receipt of misleading and false
16 financial statements and marketing materials/seminar papers, which promoted the
17 Nerium scheme and claimed "business opportunity" and contained material false
18 representations regarding the success Distributors could achieve through Nerium by
19 purchasing products and recruiting others to do the same.

20 128. There were other representations made to Brand Partners as part of the massive advertising campaign regarding the claimed "business opportunity," on 21 which Plaintiff or some of the Class Members, reasonably believed the 22 representations they could succeed in the "business opportunity," did not return the 23 refund, purchased Nerium products and did not immediately return them, signed up 24 as Nerium Brand Partners, and attempted to and recruited others to do the same. 25 26 These other representations include, but are not limited to the following: (a) emails from Nerium that promoted Nerium and contained material false representations 27 regarding the success that a distributor could achieve through Nerium by purchasing 28

1 products and recruiting others to do the same; (b) websites, such as

2 www.nerium.com and Neriumskin.com, which promoted the fraudulent scheme 3 through videos of Individual Defendants containing material false representations regarding the "business opportunity" available to Distributors and the wealth that a 4 5 distributor could get by agreeing to become an Nerium distributor; (c) presentations by Nerium Distributors which contained material false representations regarding the 6 "business opportunity" and the success that a distributor could get through Nerium 7 8 by purchasing products and recruiting others to do the same; (d) presentations by 9 Nerium, including the presentations described in this complaint, which contained material false representations regarding the "business opportunity" and the success 10 that a distributor could get through Nerium by purchasing products and recruiting 11 others to do the same; (e) training and events where Nerium Brand Partners made 12 material false representations regarding the "business opportunity" and the success 13 that a distributor could get through Nerium by purchasing products and recruiting 14 others to do the same. 15

16 129. To the extent proof of reliance is required of Plaintiffs, Nerium and the
17 Individual Defendants knew that Plaintiffs and the class would reasonably rely on
18 their representations and omissions, which would cause the Plaintiffs and the class
19 joining the fraudulent endless chain scheme and purchasing the products, and
20 Plaintiffs did in fact reasonably rely upon such representations and omissions.

130. 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.

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

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

4 133. Under California Business and Professions Code § 17200, a business
5 practice is "unfair" if it violates established public policy or if it is immoral,
6 unethical, oppressive or unscrupulous and causes injury which outweighs its
7 benefits.

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

13 135. Nerium's actions have few, if any, benefits. Thus, the injury caused to
14 Plaintiff and the class easily and dramatically outweigh the benefits, if any.

15 136. Defendants should be made to disgorge all ill-gotten gains and return to16 Plaintiff and the class all wrongfully taken amounts.

17 137. Finally, Defendants' unlawful, fraudulent and unfair acts and omissions
18 will not be completely and finally stopped without orders of an injunctive nature.
19 Under California Business and Professions Code section 17203, Plaintiffs and the
20 class seek a judicial order of an equitable nature against all Defendants, including,
21 but not limited to, an order declaring such practices as complained of to be unlawful,
22 fraudulent and unfair, and enjoining them from further undertaking any of the
23 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)

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

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

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

9 141. All claims brought under this Fourth Count that refer or relate to the
10 false, untrue, fraudulent or misleading statements of income are brought on behalf of
11 Plaintiffs and the Class.

12 142. Defendants' business acts, false advertisements and materially
13 misleading omissions constitute false advertising, in violation of the California
14 Business and Professions Code § 17500, *et seq*.

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

144. 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.

27 145. Under California Business and Professions Code Section 17535,
28 Plaintiffs and the class seek a judicial order directing Defendants to cease and desist

all false advertising related to the Defendants' illegal endless chain scheme, and
 such other injunctive relief as the Court finds just and appropriate.

146. 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.

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

COUNT V

(RICO 18 U.S.C. § 1961(5), 1962(c))

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

17 148. Plaintiffs reallege all allegations as if fully set forth herein, and18 incorporate previous allegations by reference.

19 149. RICO prohibits the following conduct: It shall be unlawful for (1) any
20 person (2) employed by or associated with (3) any enterprise (4) engaged in, or the
21 activities of which affect, interstate or foreign commerce, (5) to conduct or
22 participate, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of such enterprise's affairs (6)
23 through a pattern of racketeering activity or collection of unlawful debt. 18. U.S.C. §
24 1961.

150. 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."

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1 151. RICO requires that a "person" violate its provisions." 18 U.S.C. §
 2 1962(c-d). A RICO "person" includes any individual or entity capable of holding a
 3 legal or beneficial interest in property." 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3). A RICO person can
 4 be either an individual or a corporate entity. All Defendants named in this count are
 5 RICO persons.

152. Defendants Jeff, Renee, Amber, Shouhed, Hefernan have acted as an 6 7 "association-in-fact" for a common purpose, have and maintained relationships 8 between and among each other (and nonparties), and the association-in-fact has a 9 longevity sufficient to permit those associates to pursue the enterprise's purpose the establishment and perpetuation of an unlawful pyramid scheme in which hundreds 10 of thousands of people have lost money. The operation and management of the 11 association in fact was generally led, at various times, by Defendants Jeff, Renee, 12 and Amber. The individual promoter defendants Shouhed and Hefernan generally 13 14 operated certain field aspects of the enterprise, taking direction from Jeff, Renee, and Amber. Jeff, Renee, and Amber provided funds to enable the association to 15 grow and management and strategic advice to grow and expand the pyramid 16 scheme. Later, Jeff, Renee, and Amber provided financial incentives to certain 17 18 recruiters.

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

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

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

27 155. Nerium broadcasts that you can receive a "live better bonus of
28 \$150,000."

156. "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 4 5 loans... I wanted to retire my parents."

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157. 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."

158. CEO Jeff Olson claims, "We have people who've earned their iPads, 8 9 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 10 top 5 percentile of the United States." 11

159. While Nerium's website professes that it provides its distributors with 12 financial freedom, its outdated, hard-to-find, U.S. 2013 Income Declaration is 13 14 misleading affirmatively, and by omission.

15 160. Nerium represents: "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 16 Nerium gave me that opportunity." 17

161. Nerium further represents: "[w]hen you don't worry about 18 19 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." 20

162. "Nerium has just completely changed my life; everything about my life 21 has gotten completely 100% better. We recently purchased our dream home and it's 22 absolutely gorgeous." 23

24 163. Each of the statements made by Nerium in the preceding eight were false and misleading. 25

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B. **Rico Enterprise**

164. A defendant can be both a RICO "person" and part of another RICO 27 "enterprise." Plaintiffs and the class allege the following: 28

(a) each Defendant is a RICO "person." 1 (b) each individual defendant, i.e., each person, combination of 2 3 persons or combination one or more person and an entity as defined above, is a RICO "person." 4 5 (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 6 7 association in fact). 8 165. There was an identifiable hierarchy and framework within the 9 enterprise. It is directed by Jeff, Renee, and Amber, to whom the remaining 10 Defendants named in this Count report. All Defendants Are "Employed By Or Associated With" The Rico 11 C. "Enterprise" 12 13 166. Under Section 1962(c), a defendant must be "employed by or associated with" the RICO enterprise. Section 1962(c) operates equally to both 14 15 "insiders" and "outsiders" who participate directly or indirectly in the conduct of the enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity. All Defendants named 16 in this Count are employed by or associated with the enterprise, as set forth in detail 17 18 previously. 19 167. They conduct and participate in the operation or management of the 20pyramid scheme through a pattern of racketeering activity, by conducting the affairs 21 and supporting the acts of the pyramid scheme. Jeff, Renee, and Amber use the 22 assets of Nerium to direct, in whole or part, the affairs of the pyramid scheme, 23 including the operation of the pyramid scheme and the distribution of unlawful 24 profits to individuals associated with the scheme. Jeff, Renee, and Amber control

and direct the websites, web presentations, events, sponsored conventions and 26 speeches of each of them, and the dissemination of video of same, and the individual promoter Defendants named in this Count. Shouhed and Hefernan joined this part 27

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of the operation in approximately 2013. They then have an ascertainable structure
 separate and apart from the pattern of racketeering activity.

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168. 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,
Nerium's CFO, Lori Jones, discovered a collection of these mysterious payments (in \$15k and \$150k increments) scattered and buried in a Company ledger of over 100,000 entries.

169. After this discovery, Lori Jones and Joe Nester asked Jeff Branch (the 8 Company's Chief Financial Officer) to explain who FARC was and what services or 9 goods it was providing to the Company. Mr. Branch stated that the expenditures 10 were not something Nerium should concern itself with. He directed further inquiry 11 to the Company's General Counsel, Eric Haynes. When asked the same question, 12 Mr. Haynes responded that FARC was engaged for "business development 13 purposes," and refused to explain more. In fact, Olson bound the Company to a 14 secret agreement with his long-time friend Steve Bright, to transfer enormous wealth 15 from the Company to Bright, through FARC. FARC was created on August 26, 16 2011 for the apparent purpose of receiving these payments. That same day, Bright's 17 wife Vicki entered into the agreement whereby Olson purportedly (1) transferred 18 3% ownership in the Company to FARC; (2) agreed to pay FARC 5% of the 19 revenues Olson received from the sale of promotional items or sales tools under the 20 Company Agreement; and (3) agreed to retroactively place a phony sales 21 distributorship at the top of the Company's sales pyramid, whereby FARC would be 22 paid commissions as one of the top earning sales distributors without actually 23 performing services as a sales distributor for the Company. In exchange for these 24 lucrative promises of Company cash, FARC tendered just "ten dollars and other good and valuable consideration." 25

26 170. The other promoters are also "employed by or associated with" each
27 other and the remaining Defendants for purposes of RICO. They conduct and
28 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 1 2 pyramid scheme. They receive payments and benefits for operating at or near the 3 top of the "downline" pyramid, engage in wholesale recruiting at the direction of Nerium. Jeff, Renee, Amber, communicate regularly with Nerium, regarding 4 5 personal appearances at recruiting conventions, operate websites that induce innocent people to engage in the illegal pyramid, and cooperate with the other 6 7 Defendants to lend their names to promotional materials, make false statements, and 8 in some instances, appear in the internet reality series. While appearing as 9 ostensible "independent" distributors for purposes of convincing innocent recruits to join the "business opportunity," each of them takes direction from and is in contact 10 11 with each other and Jeff Renee, and Amber.

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D. All RICO Persons Are Distinct From The RICO Enterprise

13 171. RICO requires the involvement of a RICO "enterprise." 18 U.S.C. §
14 1964 (a-d). An "enterprise" includes any individual, partnership, corporation,
15 association, or other legal entity, and any union or group of individuals associated in
16 fact although not a legal entity." 18 U.S.C. § 1961(5).

172. The enterprise itself is not the liable entity, rather it is the RICO person 17 18 who conducts the affairs of the enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity. 19 Nerium and the individual Defendants described in this complaint are distinct from each other. The individual Defendants are distinct from the corporate defendant. The 20 21 corporate Defendant is distinct from the RICO enterprise because it is functionally 22 separate, performs different roles within the enterprise and uses its separate legal 23 incorporation to facilitate racketeering activity. For example, Nerium operates 24 legally in part by selling its products to consumers without operating as a pyramid 25 scheme.

26 173. Besides paying the salaries of Amber and Renee, Jeff and Nerium also
27 created phony distributorship positions for them, placing them at the top of the
28 pyramid of brand partners where they could receive monthly "commission" checks

as leading distributors – without actually distributing anything. To hide these
payments, phantom distributor names were entered into the Nerium accounting
system – for Amber, the distributorship was called "Gator Marketing," for Renee,
the distributorship was called "Chill Development." Secret payments to Gator
Marketing exceeded \$1,000,000 per year and payments to Chill Development
exceeded \$700,000 per year. Renee also received a payment of \$347,000 which was
booked as a bridge loan for "Stone & Bruce."

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E. The Defendants Engaged In Activities Which Affect Interstate Commerce

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

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

18 175. Each of the Defendants named in this Count conducted, or participated19 directly or indirectly, in the conduct of such enterprise's affairs as set forth above.

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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

176. RICO requires a "pattern of racketeering activity." A "pattern of
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.

3 177. The Defendants' pattern of racketeering activity is well-established and 4 has continued from 2011 to the present and intends to continue into the future. The 5 Defendants have taken every imaginable step to sell the pyramid program to 6 Business Partners and potential Business Partners. They each also expect to 7 continue to receive income from the pyramid scheme. With each new person 8 recruited, the Defendants increase the value of their control of the pyramid scheme. 9 The Defendants have stated their intentions to continue to grow the pyramid 10 throughout the United States, and have expanded. They have announced an 11 intention to market to other persons in 2017. It is certain that their conduct is a 12 continuing threat due to their racketeering activities.

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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

16 178. Mail and wire fraud are enumerated predicate acts that can constitute
17 RICO "racketeering activity" under Section 1961(1)(D).

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

20 180. The Defendants named in this Count have transmitted, caused to be 21 transmitted or invited others to transmit marketing material and income disclosure materials, by mail or private or commercial carriers, such as UPS, for the purpose of 22 23 executing their scheme or artifice to defraud in violation of RICO. Likewise, they 24 have distributed promotional literature, statements, checks, and other mailings all 25 between 2011 and the present by mail. Without limitation, each statement sent 26 monthly to an Brand Partner distributor is a mailing and an act of mail fraud, and 27 each promotional literature sent by U.S. Mail is a mailing and an act of mail fraud.

181. Wire fraud occurs when an individual devises a plot to defraud and 1 2 subsequently uses wire means in furtherance of it. 18 U.S.C. § 1343. The defendants 3 have used the Internet since 2011 to disseminate, publish and spread the pyramid 4 scheme throughout the United States and to Hong Kong, Japan and Columbia for the 5 purpose of executing their scheme or artifice to defraud in violation of RICO. Thus, 6 the Defendants have transmitted, caused to be transmitted and invited others to 7 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 8 9 violation of 18 U.S.C. §1343.

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

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

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

24 185. Nerium represents you can earn "\$10,000 per month just for having
25 fun."

26 186. That scienter can be inferred from, among other things at least the
27 following: (a) Various third parties and business partners of Nerium have asserted
28 publicly and in litigation, that Nerium is a pyramid scheme during its short history,

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

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

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

188. The Defendants named in this Count have used a false and fraudulent
scheme, or a scheme to defraud within the meaning of federal law, to harm Plaintiffs
and the class. In all respects, these Defendants have conducted their affairs
unlawfully, intentionally, willfully and with intent to defraud, that is, knowingly and
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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189. 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 an act of racketeering. Second, as part of the pyramid scheme, the Defendants named in this Count made numerous false statements in furtherance of the scheme.

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

19 191. Further, the Defendants created and disseminated the false impression 20that 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.

25 192. 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 when defendants knew that the persons portrayed were falsely portrayed, 27 persons portrayed were being paid (unreal) amounts of money for committing an 28

illegal activity and/or were assisted by the defendants in setting up a sufficiently
 large "downline" that the income generated was in fact large.

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

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

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

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

3 195. Each of the Plaintiffs (and the class sought to be certified) suffered a 4 loss of money composed of the cost they paid to become an IP, together with the 5 website fees, administrative fees, and the cost of merchandise purchased as samples and for purposes of operating the alleged "business opportunity," and the amount 6 7 they recovered as commissions or other payments. Jia has lost over \$1,200, while 8 Sormillon lost in excess of \$600. The losses were proximately caused by the actions 9 described in this Count, and may be presumed from, among other things, the 10 presumption that no one would knowingly join an illegal pyramid scheme.

11 196. 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 14 lost \$50 to well over \$5,000 as a result of purchasing their Brand Partner 15 distribution rights. Upon information and belief, the precise amounts that each and 16 every participant in the pyramid scheme has spent on (1) costs associated with the Brand Partner "business opportunity" and (2) has received in commissions or 17 18 bonuses or other payments from Nerium as a result has been tracked, maintained 19 and accounted for by Nerium through a proprietary software database. Thus, the 20 precise loss of every class member is easily capable of being ascertained in this 21 litigation, and the total business injury capable of being computed for the class.

197. 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 Plaintiffs that participation as a Nerium Brand Partners was legal; that
they had a reasonable opportunity to make money; that people just like them were
able to make generous income; and that the commissions or bonuses they would
receive would come from the sale of desirable product. The loss suffered by the

Plaintiffs and the class was foreseeable and a direct result of the establishment, 1 2 promotion, and expansion of the pyramid scheme by the Defendants named in this 3 Count. A pyramid scheme depends on continued expansion by continual recruiting of innocent people who do not realize that the only way in which they can achieve 4 5 the benefits represented by the pyramid scheme's promoters is to recruit and 6 victimize other innocent people into joining. In reality, like all pyramid schemes, 7 the Compensation Plan and all aspects of the promotion of the pyramid scheme were based on recruiting over product sales, and depended on the known existence of 8 9 money-losers (like the Plaintiffs and the class) to pay the small group of "winners" 10 inherent in any pyramid scheme. There is a clear causal connection between the 11 promotion and recruiting predicate acts alleged above and the injury suffered by the 12 Plaintiffs and the class.

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

purchased by the Plaintiffs. The dissemination of the Nerium compensation plan, 1 2 together with predicate acts that purported to falsely emphasize the features of the 3 compensation plan (for example, without revealing that under the plan there would be many more "losers" than "winners") was in furtherance of the scheme. Plaintiffs 4 5 lost money by participating in the compensation plan. But for the illegal nature of the bonus and commission payments set forth by the compensation plan, Plaintiffs 6 7 and others would not have lost money. Plaintiffs' losses thus were a direct and 8 proximate cause of their intended participation in the compensation plan authored 9 and/or approved by each of these Defendants.

10 199. A pyramid scheme depends on recruitment of innocent people. The 11 predicate acts attributed to the promoter Defendants are primarily those that concern 12 the promotion of the scheme and luring innocent people to join the business 13 opportunity. The promoters had an incentive to spread the word. The payment of 14 bonuses and commissions to promoters who were recruiters of more participants 15 was part of the scheme. In 2013 to 2016, many of the other promoters were named a directors eligible to collect revenue from company-wide sales, including sales 16 made to new recruits like Jia and Sormillon. It is believed that these individuals 17 were also Plaintiffs' "uplines," and therefore these individuals also received a 18 19 commission payment, either directly by virtue of being in Plaintiffs' "upline" or indirectly, from the money paid by Plaintiffs. But for the illegal nature of the bonus 20 21 and commission payments set forth by the "business opportunity" and the recruiting 22 materials, ads or promotions made by these Defendants, directed to Plaintiffs and 23 members of the class who were invited to meetings such as those attended by the 24 Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs and others would not have lost money. The dissemination of the Nerium "business opportunity," by these Defendants together with predicate acts 25 26 that purported to spread the impression that joining the Nerium "business opportunity" or that resulted in the recruitment of Plaintiffs, directly or indirectly, 27 proximately caused Plaintiffs' and the class losses. 28

200. Jeff/Renee/Amber: (1) serving as the co-founders and principal creators 1 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, 6 (4) making contractual arrangements with third persons to provide capital to expand 7 the pyramid scheme and to lend the scheme an air of legitimacy, (5) making deals 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 from the pyramid scheme. 11

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

21 202. 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
24 benefit of others, all to the detriment of Jia, Sormillon, and others that purchased the
25 Brand Partner program.

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

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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	204. Section 1962(d) makes it "unlawful for any person to conspire to					
7	violate any of the provisions of subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section."					
8	205. Plaintiffs re-state the previous paragraphs as if fully set forth here.					
9	206. Each of the Defendants named in this Count have participated in a					
10	conspiracy to violate Count Five.					
11	207. 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					
13	two individuals.					
14	208. The roles of all of the Defendants named in this Count are set forth in					
15	Count V.					
16	209. Defendants' and nonparty entities' creation, support or maintenance of					
17	the pyramid scheme is illegal.					
18	210. 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	211. 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:					
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18 214. 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.

23 215. 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 VII

(Federal Securities Fraud)

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT - CLASS ACTION

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

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

150. In the alternative to Counts Five and Six, and without prejudice to their position that Counts Five and Six are not preempted by the PSLRA, Plaintiffs in Count Seven allege violations of the securities laws.

8 151. Only to the extent Defendants contend that Plaintiffs' purchases of 9 starter kits, payment of fees, and purchases of Nerium products constitute investments in unregistered securities (the sale of which would be a past and 10 continuing violation of federal securities laws), and only if Defendants are 11 successful in obtaining a dismissal for judgment against Plaintiffs' RICO claims on 12 the grounds that the PSLRA preempts their RICO claims, Plaintiffs contend that 13 14 their purchases of starter kits, payment of monthly fee, and purchases of Nerium 15 products constitute investments in securities.

16 152. Nerium made numerous material omissions in its Policies regarding
17 retail sales to the Plaintiffs. Nerium represented that retail sales were a significant
18 part of Defendants' revenues. Also Nerium represented as follows:

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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."

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1	• CEO Jeff Olson claims, "[w]e have people who've earned their iPads,				
2	they've earned their cars, earned dream vacations, great incomes, six				
3	figure incomes, people making adult incomes, people making incomes				
4	that put them in the top 5 percentile of the United States."				
5	• "When you don't worry about money anymore, you don't have to stress				
6	out over the bills, you know it's about the choices you have – the				
7	freedom you have."				
8	• "Nerium has just completely changed my life; everything about my life				
9	has gotten completely 100% better. We recently purchased our dream				
10	home and it's absolutely gorgeous."				
11	153. Further, Nerium made false income disclosures in 2013 that were				
12	misleading affirmatively, and by omission.				
13	154. Nerium also made misrepresentations to Plaintiffs (affirmatively and by				
14	omission) in the Compensation plans attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B,				
15	respectively, as well as the guide attached hereto as Exhibit D.				
16	155. These statements are misleading because they fail to inform				
17	Distributors that "retail sales," particularly as defined in the Policies, are not a true				
18	viable way of earning income because Brand Partners are extremely unlikely to				
19	make significant "retail sales," and because the only realistic way to make money in				
20	the Nerium scheme is through recruiting.				
21	156. Nerium made material omissions in its Policies regarding Brand				
22	Partners' ability to earn money. In the Policies, Nerium informed its Brand Partners				
23	that they do not even need to be good at sales, and they can still earn money.				
24	157. This statement is misleading because it fails to inform Brand Partners				
25	that very few Brand Partners are likely to earn any profit from participating in				
26	Nerium, regardless of how much work they put in and regardless of what part of the				
27	country they live in.				
28	158. By making affirmative statements regarding retail sales and the ability				

of Brand Partners to earn income, Nerium undertook an affirmative obligation to
 make the disclosures necessary to make such statements not misleading.

159. Nerium made these omissions knowing that doing so was false and
misleading. Nerium benefitted in a concrete and substantial way from the operation
of the pyramid scheme, the recruitment of new Brand Partners, and new Brand
Partner's reliance on Nerium's omissions.

7 160. Nerium made these omissions with the specific intent that Brand
8 Partners rely on them.

9 161. Plaintiffs' and the Class Members' reliance on the omissions may be10 presumed.

EIGHTH COUNT

Unjust Enrichment

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

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

17 149. Unjust enrichment occurs when a Plaintiff confers a benefit to the
18 defendant, the Defendant accepts and retains the benefit, and Defendant does not
19 pay the Plaintiff the value of the benefit.

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

27 151. First, the Individuals Defendants named in this Count made contractual
28 agreements with each other and with other third-parties that depended on the success

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of the pyramid scheme. The Individual Defendants took active steps to expand the 2 scope of the pyramid scheme, and increased the number of participants-and therefore the number of inevitable "losers" in order to maximize the amounts each 3 would get. These Defendants were able to obtain payouts under the contracts on the 4 backs of the Plaintiffs. 5

152. Second, the Individual Defendants, together with their controlled 6 entities, their children, and other parties have each been enriched in significant 7 8 amounts as a result of the performance of their various illegal duties. Regardless of in what year, each of the Individual Defendants were "upline" from the Plaintiff and 9 the class, and thus, as a matter of the compensation plan implemented by Nerium, 10 obtained bonuses and commissions, which were necessarily funded by a portion of 11 the Plaintiff's (and the classes) purchase of distributorships, and purchase of 12 product. These payments were thus, directly funded by the Plaintiff by virtue of the 13 compensation system paying commissions and bonuses "upline" to promoters at the 14 top of the pyramid. The value of these benefits can be computed but is presently 15 unknown. But for the illegal Compensation Plan and the commission of the illegal 16 pyramid scheme, the Individual Defendants could not have obtained the funds that 17 came to them via the Compensation Plan. 18

19 153. Third, in addition to the unjust benefits, Jeff, Renee, and Amber have obtained as a result of being upline at the top of the Nerium Pyramid, they have also 20 received a compensation in an amount equaling in the millions based on their 21 executive position in the pyramid scheme. The monies that they received, in part to 22 pay these salaries, came from Plaintiff's (or the class) payments for the same 23 24 reasons as set forth above.

25 The revenue that resulted in these payments came directly from the 154. payments made by Plaintiff and the class. It would be unjust to permit these 26 27 Defendants to retain these ill-gotten gains.

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1		PRAYER FOR RELIEF				
2	The	e named Plaintiffs and the Plaintiffs' class and subclasses request the				
3	following	relief:				
4	a.	Certification of the class and subclasses;				
5	b.	A jury trial and judgment against Defendants;				
6	c.	Rescission of the agreements, invoices, open accounts, receipts, and				
7	open bool	k accounts, upon which the scheme is based, and recovery of all				
8	considera	tion paid pursuant to the scheme, less any amounts paid or consideration				
9	provided	to the participant pursuant to the scheme;				
10	d.	Damages for the financial losses incurred by Plaintiffs and by the class				
11	and subcl	asses because of the Nerium and the Individual Defendants' conduct and				
12	for injury	to their business and property;				
13	e.	Restitution and disgorgement of monies;				
14	f. Temporary and permanent injunctive relief enjoining Nerium from					
15	paying its Distributors recruiting rewards that are unrelated to retail sales to ultimate					
16	users and	from further unfair, unlawful, fraudulent and/or deceptive acts;				
17	g.	The cost of suit including reasonable attorneys' fees under California				
18	Code of C	Civil Procedure § 1021.5, Civil Code §1689.2, and otherwise by law;				
19	h.	Punitive damages;				
20	i.	Treble damages pursuant to RICO;				
21	j.	For damages in an amount yet to be ascertained as allowed by law; and				
22	k.	For such other damages, relief and pre- and post-judgment interest as				
23	the Court	may deem just and proper.				
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2	similarly situated, hereby request a jury trial on all matters so triable.
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EXHIBIT A



Compensation Plan

United States

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

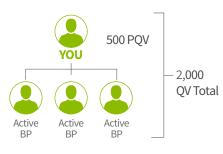
The Fast Start Qualify (FSQ) Bonus is only available during your first 30 days. It is important to take action immediately to start growing your business and earn this bonus!

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.

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

	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.

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



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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:

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- 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.

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[†]Leadership 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:

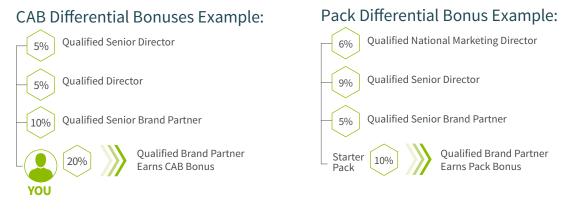
		Senior Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director	1-Star National Marketing Director and Above
	1	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	2	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	3	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	4		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Senior Brand	5			5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Partner Generations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

Live Better Bonus

National Marketing Director ^{t†} \$50,000	3-Star National Marketing Director [™] \$150,000	5-Star National Marketing Director ^{††} \$375,000	International Marketing Director ¹¹ \$750,000	Gold International Marketing Director ^{††} \$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.



Qualifying Volume 3,000 Current Month's C Total GQV 2,500 =

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.

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Immediate Ways to Earn

PERSONAL CUSTOMER COMMISSIONS Sell more. Earn more.					
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 BONUSES For each pack you sell, you will earn a Pack 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 Advancement								
	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%

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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 A Cusings partners who need two bottles a month.

Immediate Goals

GOAL #1

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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.

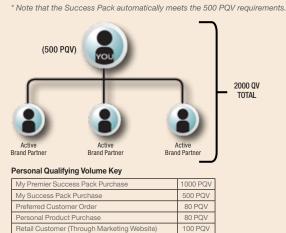


GOAL #2

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.



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%

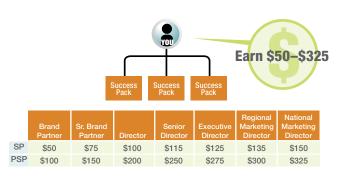
For example: If you accumulate 1,500 CCV in one month, then 1,500 CCV - 201 minimum CCV = 1,299 CCV, and 1,299 CCV x 20% = 260 Personal Customer Commissions.

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.



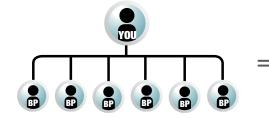
Senior Director	\$500 Car Bonus
Executive Director	\$500 Car Bonus
Regional Marketing Director	\$500 Car Bonus
National Marketing Director	\$750 Car Bonus
1-Star National Marketing Director	\$750 Car Bonus
2-Star National Marketing Director	\$750 Car Bonus
3-Star National Marketing Director	\$1,000 Car 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 Preferred Customer or sells one of the 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.

NI	Nationa	1-Star National Marketing Director			2-Star Il Marketing I	Director	Nationa	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	Volume (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

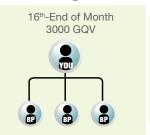
Weekly Payout:

- 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.

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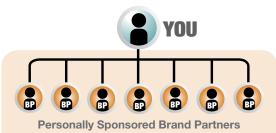
Current Month's GQV 2500 Current Month's Total GQV = 5,500

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

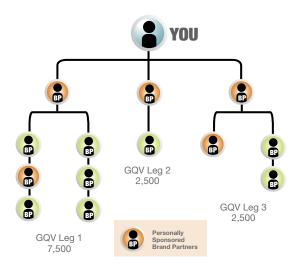
Sponsor Tree

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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PERSONAL CUST	OMER			Brand Partner	Sr. Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Marketing Director	Marketing Director
COMMISSIO			SP	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$115	\$125	\$135	\$150
	Sell more, Earn more,		PSP	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$275	\$300	\$325
Sell more. Earn m	PAID	St	nonsor a new Bra	nd Partner, sell them	a Success Pack in	heir first 30 davs	and earn a Success	Pack Bonus. The hi	oher vour rank	
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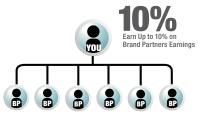
2% Weekly Sponsor Pool

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

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.



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

Personally sponsor a new Preferred Customer with fully paid ADO.

PAID MONTHLY

PAID WEEKLY

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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PAID WEEKLY

PAID WEEKLY

Rank	Brand Partner	Sr. Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director	
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	
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%	I
Level 2	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	
Level 3		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	
Level 4			5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	
Level 5				5%	5%	5%	5%	
Level 6					5%	5%	5%	
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.

N	1-Star National Marketing Director			Nationa	2-Star I Marketing I	Director	Nationa	3-Star I Marketing	Director
I	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%
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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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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
NUSKIN	\$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 Get Connected 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 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

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.m. CT Visit www.neriumcall.com to connect.					
Live Text Updates*	Text "REAL" to 59769 to receive Nerium news on your phone.					
Nerium University	Available each Mo Online Business (in your time zone	Center at 6:00 p.m.				
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Rank Advance to Senior Brand Partner

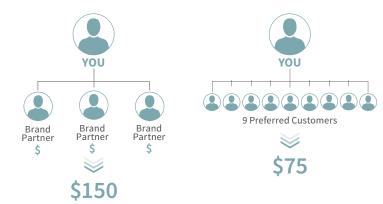
1. Find your "why"

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

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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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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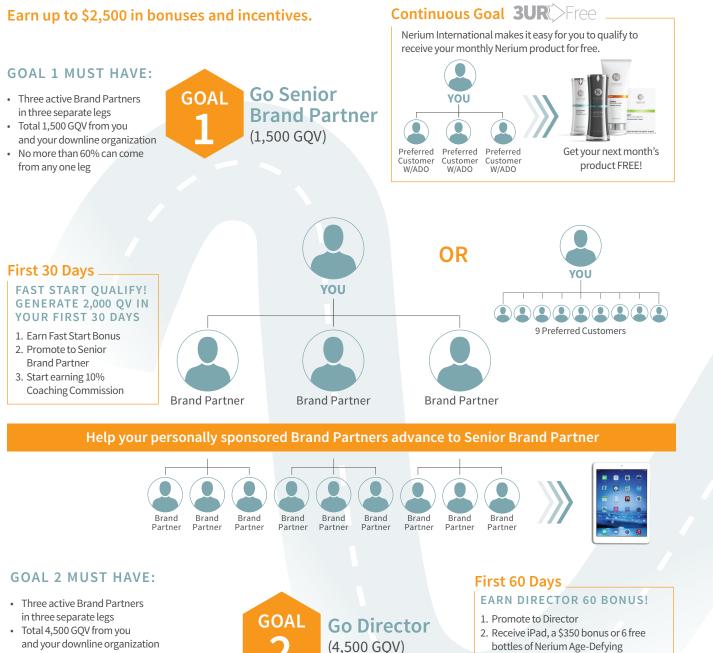
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Road Map to Lexus



• No more than 60% can come from any one leg

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

GQV= Group Qualifying Volume

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GOAL 3 MUST HAVE: First 90 Days _ EARN YOUR LEXUS • Three active Senior Brand Partners in separate personally sponsored legs CAR BONUS ANYTIME! • Total 12,500 GQV from you and your downline organization • No more than 60% can come from any one leg 1. Promote to Senior Director 2. Qualify for Lexus Car Bonus* GOAL **Go Senior Director** (12,500 GQV) YOU Senior Director Director Director Director Sr. Brand Partner Partner Partner Partner Partner Partner Partner Partner Partner Brand Brand Brand Partner Partner Partner Brand



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

*The Lexus Car Bonus is calculated and paid monthly.

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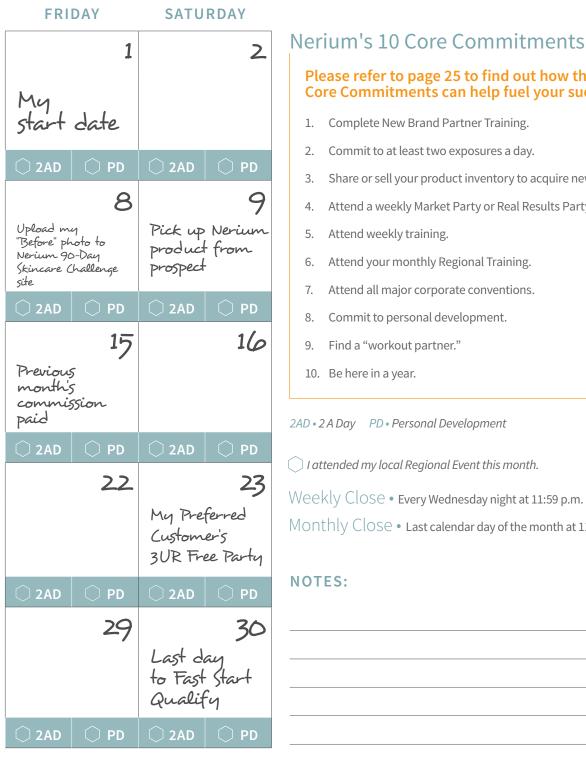
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Please refer to page 25 to find out how these Core Commitments can help fuel your success!

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- 2. Commit to at least two exposures a day.
- Share or sell your product inventory to acquire new customers. 3.
- 4. Attend a weekly Market Party or Real Results Party.
- Attend weekly training. 5.
- Attend your monthly Regional Training. 6.
- 7. Attend all major corporate conventions.
- Commit to personal development. 8.
- Find a "workout partner." 9.
- 10. Be here in a year.

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I attended my local Regional Event this month.

Weekly Close • Every Wednesday night 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

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Website URLs

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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.

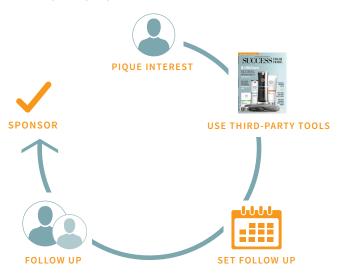
Ready to Party?

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.

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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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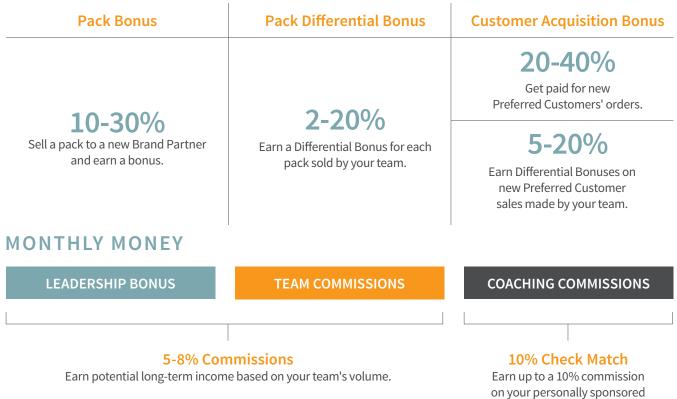
Brand Partners' earnings.

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Nerium Compensation

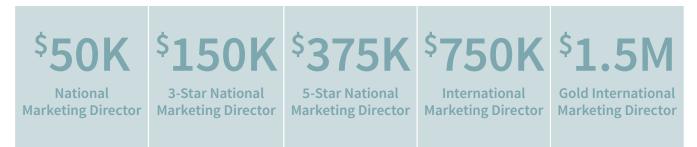
Brand Partners get paid multiple ways through our Compensation Plan. You have the opportunity to earn a percentage of the packs and products you and your team sell. Below are examples of earning potential. See the Compensation Plan for complete details.

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



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.

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CAB BY RANK ADVANCEMENT

	Brand Partner	Senior Brand Partner	Director	Senior Director	Executive Director	Regional Marketing Director	National Marketing Director
Percentage Earned		30%	35%	40%	40%	40%	40%

CAB BY PREFERRED CUSTOMERS

	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%

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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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