

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:	Chapter 11
Apple Tree Life Sciences, Inc., <i>et al.</i> , ¹	Case No. 25-12177 (LSS)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
	Re: D.I. 135

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF EVAN GERSHBEIN IN SUPPORT OF THE
APPLICATION OF THE DEBTORS FOR AUTHORITY TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY
KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA GLOBAL AS
ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR EFFECTIVE AS THE PETITION DATE**

I, Evan Gershbein, being duly sworn, state the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I am an Executive Vice President of Corporate Restructuring Services for Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global (“Verita”), whose offices are located at 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor, El Segundo, California 90245. Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. This declaration (this “Declaration”) is made in support of the *Application of the Debtors for Authority to Retain and Employ Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global as Administrative Advisor Effective as of the Petition Date* (the “Application”) [Docket No. 135].²

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number include: Apple Tree Life Sciences, Inc. (4506); ATP Life Science Ventures, L.P. (8224); ATP III GP, Ltd. (6091); Apertor Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (3161); Initial Therapeutics, Inc. (2453); Marlinspike Therapeutics, Inc. (4757); Red Queen Therapeutics, Inc. (8563); Evercrisp Biosciences, Inc. (4437); Nine Square Therapeutics, Inc. (4503); and Nereid Therapeutics Incorporated (8493). The location of the Debtors’ service address in these chapter 11 cases is 230 Park Avenue, Suite 2800, New York, NY 10169.

² Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.



3. This Declaration incorporates the *Declaration of Evan Gershbein in Support of Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order (I) Approving the Retention and Employment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global as the Claims and Noticing Agent to the Debtors and (II) Granting Related Relief*, attached as Exhibit B to the Section 156(c) Application [Docket No. 22] and the *Declaration of Evan Gershbein in Support of the Application of the Debtors for Authority to Retain and Employ Kurtzman Carso Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global as Administrative Advisor Effective as of the Petition Date*, attached as Exhibit B to the Application.

4. Verita received an updated Parties in Interest list which identifies Alter Domus (US) LLC as an administrative agent under the Debtors' proposed postpetition financing facility. Verita is a party to a credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement") under which certain funds and subsidiaries of Prudential Financial, Inc. act as lenders. Alter Domus (US) LLC is an administrative agent on the Credit Agreement.

5. To the best of my knowledge, and except as disclosed herein and in my prior declarations, Verita neither holds nor represents any interest materially adverse to the Debtors' estates and it is a "disinterested person" within the meaning of section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as would be required by section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Verita will continue to supplement its disclosure to the Court if any facts or circumstances are discovered that would require disclosure.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Dated: February 19, 2026
Los Angeles, California

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Evan Gershbein

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Exhibit 1

Updated Parties in Interest List

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DIP Lender Parties

Alter Domus (US) LLC
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Oak Tree Capital Management, Inc.

Ordinary Course Professionals

Covington & Burling LLP
DiFilippo Corporate Finance Group
Elsberg Baker & Maruri PLLC
Mishcon De Reya LLP (UK)
Stout Risius Ross, LLC

Committee Professionals

Cole Schotz P.C.
Dundon Advisors LLC

Nereid Therapeutics Equity Holders

Alice Ting
Bahareh Eftekharezadeh
Chanelle Jumper
Cigall Kadoch
Dr. Clifford Brangwynne
Eugine Lee
Defne Yarar
Ivan Efremov
Jared Toettcher
John Reilly
Dr. Laura Forese
Robert Hugin

Nereid Therapeutics Top 20 Unsecured Creditors

AustinPX LLC
Crelux GmbH
Crystal Pharmatech Co., Ltd.
Evotec US
Nexomics BioSciences
Oncolines

Premier Research Consulting, LLC
RREF II 451D, LLC
STA Pharmaceutical Hong Kong Limited
VectorBuilder, Inc.

Non-Debtor Portfolio Company Directors and Officers

Andrew Geall
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Micheal Wasserman
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