IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11
Yardbird Group LLC, *et al.*,[1]	Case No. 26-11479 (BLS)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
	Objection Deadline: October 13, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) **Hearing Date: October 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (ET)**

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

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Proposed Order"), authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global ("Verita") as administrative advisor (the "Administrative Advisor"), effective as of the Petition Date (as defined below) and granting related relief. In support of this application (this "Application"), the Debtors rely on the *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 of the Petition Date*, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** (the "Gershbein Declaration"), and respectfully state as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") has jurisdiction over the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (these "Chapter 11 Cases"), the Debtors,

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number include: Yardbird Group LLC (7139); Southern Operations, LLC (5384); Yardbird Beverly Hills, LLC (9735); Yardbird DFW, LLC (2545); Yardbird DC, LLC (2651); Yardbird Chicago, LLC (6273); Yardbird Denver LLC (8819), YB Las Vegas, LLC (4071), Yardbird DFW Management LLC (8949), Yardbird DFW Concession LLC (1952), and The Bird Singapore LLC (8264). The location of the Debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

property of the Debtors' estates, and these matters under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012. This is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

2. Pursuant to rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), the Debtors consent to the entry of a final order with respect to this Application if it is determined that this Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

3. Venue of these Chapter 11 Cases in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

4. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 327(a) and 328 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), rules 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Local Rule 2014-1 and 2016-1.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

5. On September 21, 2026 (the "Petition Date"), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. These Chapter 11 Cases are being jointly administered pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). *See* Docket No. 40. The Debtors are operating their business and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made, and no official committees have been appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.

6. The Debtors own and operate "Yardbird Southern Table & Bar," an award-winning polished casual dining concept offering a modern take on traditional Southern American cuisine.

Beyond its famed fried chicken, Yardbird is known for its weekend brunch, chef-curated bourbon dinners, and an award-winning mixology program and extensive wine list, all served in an inviting, open atmosphere anchored by signature floor-to-ceiling windows and open kitchens. Event dining and catering represent a significant portion of the Debtors' revenue, complementing the Debtors' three operating restaurant locations in Dallas, Texas; Washington, D.C.; and Chicago, Illinois, and two licensed locations in Las Vegas, Nevada and Singapore.

7. Additional factual background regarding the Debtors, including their business operations, their corporate and capital structure, and the events leading to the filing of these Chapter 11 Cases is set forth in the Declaration of *Albert Altro in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* [Docket No. 2] (the "First Day Declaration"), which is incorporated herein by reference.[2]

VERITA'S RETENTION

8. The terms of retention and employment of Verita are set forth in that certain services agreement (the "Services Agreement"), annexed as Exhibit 1 to the Proposed Order, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Pursuant to this application, the Debtors seek to retain Verita to provide, among other things, the following bankruptcy administrative services (collectively, the "Administrative Services"), if and to the extent the Debtors request:

(a) assisting with, among other things, the preparation of the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases and statements of financial affairs;

(b) assisting with, among other things, solicitation, balloting, tabulation and calculation of votes, as well as preparing any appropriate reports required in furtherance of confirmation of any chapter 11 plan;

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

(c) generating an official ballot certification and testifying, if necessary, in support of the ballot tabulation results for any chapter 11 plan(s) in the Chapter 11 Cases;

(d) generating, providing and assisting with claims objections, exhibits, claims reconciliation, and related matters; and

(e) providing such other claims processing, noticing, solicitation, balloting, and administrative services described in the Services Agreement, but not included in the Section 156(c) Application,[3] as may be requested by the Debtors from time to time.

9. Verita has substantial experience providing the Administrative Services in numerous cases of comparable size, including several cases in this Court. Verita's recent cases in this District include: *In re Reliz Tech. Group Holdings Inc.*, *et al.*, Case No. 26-10371 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 18, 2026); *In re Avenger Flight Group, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 26-10183 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 13, 2026); *In re Salt House, Inc. (f/k/a Food52, Inc.)*, Case No. 25-12277 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 31, 2025); *In re Apple Tree Life Sciences, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-12177 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 17, 2025); *In re American Signature, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-12105 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 26, 2025); *In re Hudson 1701/1706, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 25-11853 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 3, 2025); *In re AGDP Holding Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-11446 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 5, 2025); *In re Marelli Auto. Lighting USA LLC, et al.*, Case No. 25-11034 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 12, 2025); *In re Molecular Templates, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-10739 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 22, 2025); *In re Leisure Invs. Holdings LLC, et al.*, Case No. 25-10606 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 2, 2025); *In re F21 OpCo, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 25-10469 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 18, 2025); *In re Village Roadshow Ent. Group USA Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-10475 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 18, 2025); *In re Dynamic Aerostructures*

[3] On September 21, 2026 the Debtors filed the *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* [Docket No. 4] (the "Section 156(c) Application"), seeking to retain Verita as the Debtors' claims and noticing agent pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c).

LLC, et al., Case No. 25-10292 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 27, 2025); *In re Gritstone bio, Inc.*, Case No. 24-12305 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Oct.16, 2024); *In re Fulcrum Bioenergy, Inc.*, et al., Case No. 24-12008 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Sep. 12, 2024); *In re QLess, Inc.*, Case No. 24-11395 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 21, 2024); *In re Fisker Inc., et al.*, Case No. 24-11390 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Jul 2, 2024); *In re Supply Source Enters., Inc., et al.*, Case No. 24-11054 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 13, 2024); *In re ProSomnus, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 24-10972 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del. May 9, 2024); *In re Sticky's Holding LLC, et al.*, Case No. 24-10856 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 26, 2024); *In re SC Healthcare Holding, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 24-10443 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 22, 2024); *In re Cano Health, Inc., et. al.*, Case No. 24-10164 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 6, 2024); *In re InVivo Therapeutics Corp., et al.*, Case No. 24-10137 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 6, 2024).

10. The Debtors chose Verita to perform the Administrative Services because of Verita's experience, reputation, familiarity with the Chapter 11 Cases, and the competitiveness of its fees. The Debtors submit that using Verita to provide the Administrative Services has provided, and will continue to provide, the most cost-effective and efficient administration of the Chapter 11 Cases. Further, retaining Verita to perform the Administrative Services has allowed, and will continue to allow, the Debtors and their other professionals to focus on key aspects of the Debtors' restructuring efforts. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that Verita is qualified to provide the Administrative Services and that Verita's retention in such capacity is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates and creditors.

COMPENSATION AND DISINTERESTEDNESS

11. The fees Verita will charge in connection with its services to the Debtors are set forth in the pricing schedule attached to the Services Agreement. The Debtors respectfully submit that Verita's rates are competitive and comparable to the rates Verita's competitors charge for

similar services, and are reasonable given the quality of Verita's services and Verita's bankruptcy expertise. Additionally, Verita will seek reimbursement from the Debtors for reasonable and documented expenses in accordance with the terms of the Services Agreement.

12. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors provided Verita an advance in the amount of $30,000, which was received by Verita on September 16, 2026. Except as stated in this paragraph, Verita has not received any payments from the Debtors in the 90 days prior to the Petition Date. Verita seeks to first apply the advance to all prepetition invoices, and thereafter, to have the advance replenished to the original advance amount, and thereafter, to hold the advance under the Engagement Agreement during these Chapter 11 Cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Engagement Agreement.

13. Verita intends to apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred after the Petition Date in connection with the services that it provides as the Administrative Advisor in the Chapter 11 Cases, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any other applicable orders of the Court.

14. The Gershbein Declaration represents that, to the best of its knowledge, Verita is not connected with the Debtors, their creditors, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee"), or any person employed by the U.S. Trustee and that, to the best of Verita's knowledge, after due inquiry, Verita does not by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with or interest in the Debtors, hold or represent any interest materially adverse to the Debtors, their estates or any class of creditors or equity interest holders with respect to the matters upon which it is to be engaged. Further, Verita has performed a comprehensive conflict search in connection with the Section 156(c) Application. Based upon the Gershbein

Declaration, Verita is a "disinterested person," as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

INDEMNIFICATION

15. As part of the overall compensation payable to Verita under the terms of the Services Agreement, the Debtors have agreed to certain indemnification and contribution obligations as set forth in the Services Agreement, to the extent permitted by applicable law and as modified in the Proposed Order.

16. The terms of the Services Agreement and indemnification provisions included therein were negotiated at arm's-length between the Debtors and Verita, and the Debtors respectfully submit that these provisions of the Services Agreement are reasonable and in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors. Moreover, consistent with the practice in this jurisdiction, the Debtors request, and Verita has agreed, that the Court approve the indemnification provisions reflected in the Services Agreement subject to the modifications set forth in the Proposed Order. The Debtors believe that the proposed modifications to the indemnification provisions of the Services Agreement are appropriate under the circumstances, consistent with recent orders entered in this jurisdiction and, therefore, should be approved.

RELIEF REQUESTED

17. By this Application, the Debtors seek entry of an order to (a) retain and employ Verita pursuant to section 327(a) and 328 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016, and Local Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 as Administrative Advisor in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases, effective as of the Petition Date and (b) granting related relief.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

I. Retention and Employment of Verita as the Administrative Advisor is Permitted.

18. The Debtors seek approval of the employment and retention of Verita as Administrative Advisor pursuant to sections 327(a) and 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Section 327(a) provides that a debtor "may employ one or more . . . professional persons, that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist" the debtor in carrying out its duties. 11 U.S.C. § 327(a).

19. In addition, section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that debtors "with the court's approval, may employ or authorize the employment of a professional person under section 327 . . . on any reasonable terms and conditions of employment, including on a retainer, on an hourly basis, on a fixed or percentage fee basis, or on a contingent fee basis." 11 U.S.C. § 328(a).

20. Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a) requires that an application for retention include:

> "[S]pecific facts showing (A) the need for the employment; (B) the name of the person to be employed; (C) the reasons for the selection; (D) the professional services to be rendered; (E) the proposed arrangement for compensation; and (F) to the best of the applicant's knowledge, all the person's connections with the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States trustee, and any person employed in the United States trustee's office.

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a).

21. Additionally, Local Rule 2014-1 requires an entity seeking approval of employment under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to file a motion, supporting affidavit, and proposed order, all of which have been satisfied by this Application, the Gershbein Declaration, and the Proposed Order. Further, in accordance with Local Rule 2014-1, Verita

acknowledges its continuing duty to supplement the Gershbein Declaration with additional material information relating to the employment of Verita, if necessary.

22. In light of the size and complexity of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors respectfully submit that employing and retaining Verita pursuant to the terms of the Services Agreement, as modified by the Proposed Order, is necessary and in the best interests of the Debtors' estates and all parties in interest. The Debtors also believe that the terms and conditions of the Services Agreement, as modified by the Proposed Order, are reasonable and have been previously approved by the Court in the Section 156(c) Application. Further, Verita will comply with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and any other procedures or orders of the Court.

II. Relief Effective as of the Petition Date is Appropriate.

23. Pursuant to the Debtors' request, Verita has agreed to serve as Administrative Advisor on and after the Petition Date with assurances that the Debtors would seek approval of its employment and retention, effective as of the Petition Date, so that Verita may be compensated for its pre-Application services. The Debtors believe that no party in interest will be prejudiced by the granting of employment as of the Petition Date, as provided in this Application, because Verita has provided, and continues to provide, valuable services to the Debtors' estates during the interim period. Further, courts in this district have routinely approved retroactive employment effective as of a date certain, similar to that requested herein, in matters comparable to this matter.

24. Accordingly, to help manage administrative tasks with respect to the numerous notice parties that are expected to be involved in the Chapter 11 Cases, and the complexity of such cases, the Debtors respectfully request entry of an order authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Verita as Administrative Advisor effective as of the Petition Date.

NOTICE

25. Notice of this Application will be provided to the following parties or their respective counsel: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee; (b) the holders of the twenty (20) largest unsecured claims against the Debtors on a consolidated basis; (c) the DIP Secured Parties; (d) the Prepetition Secured Parties; (e) CNB; and (f) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors respectfully submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no further notice is necessary.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Proposed Order, substantially in the form annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: September 29, 2026
Wilmington, Delaware

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Albert Altro
Albert Altro
Chief Restructuring Officer to the Debtors and Debtors in possession

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), filed 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") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections to the Application, if any, must be in writing, filed with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 3rd Floor, 824 N. Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, on or before **October 13, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)** (the "Objection Deadline"), and served upon and received by the undersigned proposed counsel for the Debtors.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if any objections to the Application are received, the Application and such objections shall be considered at a hearing before the Honorable Brendan L. Shannon at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 N. Market Street, 6th Floor, Courtroom No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 on **October 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (ET).**

IF NO OBJECTIONS TO THE APPLICATION ARE TIMELY FILED, SERVED AND RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE MOTION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

Dated: September 29, 2026
Wilmington, Delaware

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EXHIBIT A

Proposed Order

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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In re:	Chapter 11
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Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
	Re: Docket No. ___

ORDER GRANTING 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

Upon the application (the "Application")[2] of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an order (this "Order") for authority to employ and retain Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global ("Verita") as their Administrative Advisor in the Chapter 11 Cases, effective as of the Petition Date, as more fully described in the Application; and upon the Gershbein Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of these Chapter 11 Cases is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of

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the Application and opportunity for a hearing on the Application were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein and that such relief is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors and all parties in interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT,

1. The Application is GRANTED as set forth herein.

2. The Debtors are authorized under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to employ and retain Verita as their Administrative Advisor in accordance with the terms set forth in the Application and the Services Agreement effective as of the Petition Date. Notwithstanding the terms of the Services Agreement, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, the Application is approved solely as set forth in this Order.

3. Verita is authorized to perform the Administrative Services described in the Application and set forth in the Application and the Services Agreement, and to take such other action to comply with all duties set forth in the Application and the Services Agreement.

4. In addition to the services set forth in the Application and the Services Agreement, Verita is authorized to provide other bankruptcy administration services as the Debtors and the Clerk of the Court may request from time to time.

5. Verita shall apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred after the Petition Date in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and any orders entered in the Chapter 11 Cases regarding professional compensation and reimbursement of expenses.

6. Verita may apply its retainer to all prepetition invoices, which advance shall be replenished to the original advance amount, and thereafter, Verita may hold its advance under the Engagement Agreement during the Chapter 11 Cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Engagement Agreement.

7. The Debtors shall indemnify Verita, its affiliates, members, directors, officers, employees, consultants, subcontractors and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") under the terms of the Services Agreement, subject to the following modifications:

a. The Indemnified Parties shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the Services Agreement for services, as provided under the Services Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement therefore is approved by this Court.

b. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Services Agreement, the Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Parties, or provide contribution or reimbursement to Indemnified Parties, for any claim or expense that is either: (i) judicially determined (the determination having become final) to have arisen from such Indemnified Parties' gross negligence, bad faith, fraud, or willful misconduct; (ii) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege the breach of such Indemnified Parties' contractual obligations, if this Court determines that indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement would not be permissible pursuant to *In re United Artists Theatre Co.*, 315 F.3d 217 (3d Cir. 2003); or (ii) settled prior to a judicial determination under subsection (i) or (iii), but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which such Indemnified Parties should not receive indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement under the terms of the Services Agreement as modified by this Order.

c. If, before the earlier of: (i) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in these Chapter 11 Cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal); and (ii) the entry of an order closing these Chapter 11 Cases, the Indemnified Parties believe that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution, and/or reimbursement obligations under the Services Agreement (as modified by this Order), including the advancement of defense costs, the Indemnified Parties must file an application therefor in this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to the Indemnified Parties before the entry of an order by this Court approving such payment. This paragraph is intended only to specify the period of

> time under which this Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by the Indemnified Parties for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement, and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Parties. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by the Indemnified Parties for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement.

8. The limitation of liability section in the Services Agreement is deemed to be of no force or effect with respect to the services to be provided pursuant to this Order.

9. The Debtors and Verita are authorized to take all steps necessary or appropriate to carry out this Order.

10. In the event of any inconsistency between the Services Agreement, the Application, and this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.

11. Notice of the Application as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Application and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

12. Notwithstanding any term in the Services Agreement to the contrary, this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

EXHIBIT 1

Services Agreement

VERITA AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

This Agreement is entered into as of the 10 day of September 2026, between Yardbird Group LLC (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries, the "Company"),[1] and Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global (together with its affiliates and subcontractors, "Verita"). In consideration of the premises set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Terms and Conditions

I. SERVICES

A. Verita agrees to provide the Company with consulting services regarding noticing, claims management and reconciliation, plan solicitation, balloting, disbursements and any other services agreed upon by the parties or otherwise required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders.

B. Verita further agrees to provide (i) computer software support and training in the use of the support software, (ii) Verita's standard reports as well as consulting and programming support for the Company requested reports, (iii) program modifications, (iv) data base modifications, and/or (v) other features and services in accordance with the fees outlined in a pricing schedule provided to the Company (the "Verita Fee Structure").

C. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Verita may, upon request by the Company, (i) provide a communications plan including, but not limited to, preparation of communications materials, dissemination of information and a call center staffed by Verita and/or (ii) provide confidential on-line workspaces or virtual data rooms and publish documents to such workspaces or data rooms (which publication shall not be deemed to violate the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement).

D. The price listed for each service in the Verita Fee Structure represents a bona fide proposal for such services, which may be accepted in whole or in part. Services will be provided when requested by the Company or required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders. Services are mutually exclusive and are deemed delivered and accepted by the Company when provided by Verita.

E. The Company acknowledges and agrees that Verita will often take direction from the Company's representatives, employees, agents and/or professionals (collectively, the "Company Parties") with respect to the services being provided under this Agreement. The parties agree that Verita may rely upon, and the Company agrees to be bound by, any requests, advice or information provided by the Company Parties to the same extent as if such requests, advice or information were provided by the Company. The Company agrees and understands that Verita shall not provide the Company or any other party with any legal advice.

II. PRICES, CHARGES AND PAYMENT

A. Verita agrees to charge and the Company agrees to pay Verita for its services at the rates and prices set by Verita that are in effect as of the date of this Agreement and in accordance with the Verita Fee Structure. Verita's prices are generally adjusted periodically to reflect changes in the business and economic environment and are inclusive of all charges. Verita reserves the right to reasonably increase its

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[1] The term Company shall include, to the extent applicable, the Company, as debtor and debtor in possession in its chapter 11 case, together with any affiliated debtors and debtors in possession whose chapter 11 cases are jointly administered with the Company's chapter 11 case.

prices, charges and rates; provided, however, that if any such increase exceeds 15%, Verita will give thirty (30) days written notice to the Company.

B. In addition to fees and charges for services, the Company agrees to pay Verita's reasonable transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred in connection with services provided under this Agreement.

C. In addition to all fees for services and expenses hereunder, the Company shall pay to Verita (i) any fees and charges related to, arising out of, or as a result of any error or omission made by the Company or the Company Parties, as mutually determined by Verita and the Company, and (ii) all taxes that are applicable to this Agreement or that are measured by payments made under this Agreement and are required to be collected by Verita or paid by Verita to a taxing authority.

D. Where the Company requires services that are unusual or beyond the normal business practices of Verita, or are otherwise not provided for in the Verita Fee Structure, the cost of such services shall be charged to the Company at a competitive rate.

E. Verita agrees to submit its invoices to the Company monthly and the Company agrees that the amount invoiced is due and payable upon the Company's receipt of the invoice. Verita's invoices will contain reasonably detailed descriptions of charges for both hourly (fees) and non-hourly (expenses) case specific charges. Where total invoice amounts are expected to exceed $10,000 in any single month and Verita reasonably believes it will not be paid, Verita may require advance payment from the Company due and payable upon demand and prior to the performance of services hereunder. In the case of a dispute in the invoice amount, the Company shall give written notice to Verita within ten (10) days of receipt of the invoice by the Company. The undisputed portion of the invoice will remain due and payable immediately upon receipt of the invoice. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the fees for print notice and media publication (including commissions) must be paid at least three (3) days in advance of those fees and expenses being incurred.

F. In the event that the Company files for protection pursuant to chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (a "Chapter 11 Filing"), the parties intend that Verita shall be employed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) to the extent possible and otherwise in accordance with applicable Bankruptcy law and that all amounts due under this Agreement shall, to the extent possible, be paid as administrative expenses of the Company's chapter 11 estate. As soon as practicable following a Chapter 11 Filing (and otherwise in accordance with applicable law and rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court), the Company shall cause pleadings to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court seeking entry of an order or orders approving this Agreement (the "Retention Order"). The form and substance of the pleadings and the Retention Order shall be reasonably acceptable to Verita. If any Company chapter 11 case converts to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, Verita will continue to be paid for its services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The parties recognize and agree that if there is a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Retention Order, the terms of the Retention Order shall govern during the chapter 11 or other proceeding.

G. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Verita shall receive a retainer in the amount of $30,000 (the "Retainer") that may be held by Verita as security for the Company's payment obligations under the Agreement. The Retainer is due upon execution of this Agreement. In the event of a Chapter 11 Filing, Verita will first apply the Retainer to all pre-petition invoices, and thereafter, will have the Retainer replenished to the original amount. Verita shall be entitled to hold the Retainer until the termination of the

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Agreement. Following termination of the Agreement, Verita shall return to the Company any amount of the Retainer that remains following application of the Retainer to the payment of unpaid invoices.

III. RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP

A. The parties understand that the software programs and other materials furnished by Verita pursuant to this Agreement and/or developed during the course of this Agreement by Verita are the sole property of Verita. The term "program" shall include, without limitation, data processing programs, specifications, applications, routines, and documentation. The Company agrees not to copy or permit others to copy the source code from the support software or any other programs or materials furnished pursuant to this Agreement.

B. The Company further agrees that any ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques relating to data processing or Verita's performance of its services developed or utilized during the term of this Agreement by Verita shall be the exclusive property of Verita. Fees and expenses paid by the Company do not vest in the Company any rights in such property, it being understood that such property is only being made available for the Company's use during and in connection with the services provided by Verita under this Agreement.

IV. NON-SOLICITATION

The Company agrees that neither it nor its subsidiaries or other affiliated companies shall directly or indirectly solicit for employment, employ or otherwise retain employees of Verita during the term of this Agreement and for a period of twelve (12) months after termination of this Agreement unless Verita provides prior written consent to such solicitation or retention.

V. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each of Verita and the Company, on behalf of themselves and their respective employees, agents, professionals and representatives, agrees to keep confidential all non-public records, systems, procedures, software and other information received from the other party in connection with the services provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that if either party reasonably believes that it is required to produce any such information by order of any governmental agency or other regulatory body it may, upon not less than five (5) business days' written notice to the other party, release the required information.

VI. SUSPENSION OF SERVICE AND TERMINATION

A. This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated or suspended by either party (i) upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party or (ii) immediately upon written notice for Cause (defined herein). As used herein, the term "Cause" means (i) gross negligence or willful misconduct of Verita that causes serious and material harm to the Company's reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) the failure of the Company to pay Verita invoices for more than sixty (60) days from the date of invoice, or (iii) the accrual of invoices or unpaid services in excess of the retainer held by Verita where Verita reasonably believes it will not be paid.

B. In the event that this contract is terminated, regardless of the reason for such termination, Verita shall coordinate with the Company and, to the extent applicable, the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, to maintain an orderly transfer of record keeping functions and Verita shall provide all necessary staff, services and assistance required for an orderly transfer. The Company agrees to pay for such services in accordance

with Verita's then existing prices for such services. If such termination occurs following entry of the Retention Order, the Company shall immediately seek entry of an order (in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Verita) that discharges Verita from service and responsibility in the Company's bankruptcy case.

C. Any data, programs, storage media or other materials furnished by the Company to Verita or received by Verita in connection with the services provided under the terms of this Agreement may be retained by Verita until the services provided are paid for, or until this Agreement is terminated with the services paid in full. The Company shall remain liable for all fees and expenses imposed under this Agreement as a result of data or physical media maintained or stored by Verita. Verita shall dispose of the data and media in the manner requested by the Company. The Company agrees to pay Verita for reasonable expenses incurred as a result of the disposition of data or media. If the Company has not utilized Verita's services under this Agreement for a period of at least ninety (90) days, Verita may dispose of the data or media, and be reimbursed by the Company for the expense of such disposition, after giving the Company thirty (30) days' notice. Notwithstanding any term herein to the contrary, following entry of the Retention Order, the disposition of any data or media by Verita shall be in accordance with any applicable instructions from the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, local Bankruptcy Court rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

VII. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Verita strives to provide continuous improvements in the quality of service to its clients. Verita, therefore, reserves the right to make changes in operating procedure, operating systems, programming languages, general purpose library programs, application programs, time period of accessibility, types of terminal and other equipment and the Verita data center serving the Company, so long as any such changes do not materially interfere with ongoing services provided to the Company in connection with the Company's chapter 11 case.

VIII. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Verita may use AI-assisted tools solely to support service delivery (e.g., data processing, fraud detection, communications). Such tools do not independently make decisions affecting individuals. Personal information processed via such tools is subject to the same contractual restrictions, security measures, and data protection obligations as all other processing, and is not used to train shared or third-party AI models.

IX. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

A. The Company shall indemnify and hold Verita, its affiliates, members, directors, officers, employees, consultants, subcontractors and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) (collectively, "Losses") resulting from, arising out of or related to Verita's performance under this Agreement. Such indemnification shall exclude Losses resulting from Verita's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Losses include any liabilities resulting from claims by any third-parties against any Indemnified Party. The Company shall notify Verita in writing promptly upon the assertion, threat or commencement of any claim, action, investigation or proceeding that the Company becomes aware of with respect to the services provided by Verita under this Agreement. The Company's indemnification obligations hereunder shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

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B. Except as provided herein, Verita's liability to the Company or any person making a claim through or under the Company for any Losses of any kind, even if Verita has been advised of the possibility of such Losses, whether direct or indirect and unless due to gross negligence or willful misconduct of Verita, shall be limited to the total amount billed or billable to the Company for the portion of the particular work which gave rise to the alleged Loss. In no event shall Verita be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages such as loss of anticipated profits or other economic loss in connection with or arising out of the services provided for in this Agreement. In no event shall Verita's liability to the Company for any Losses, whether direct or indirect, arising out of this Agreement exceed the total amount billed to the Company and actually paid to Verita for the services contemplated under the Agreement; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to the Company during any chapter 11 case in which the Company is a debtor.

C. The Company is responsible for the accuracy of the programs, data and information it or any Company Party submits for processing to Verita and for the output of such information. Verita does not verify information provided by the Company and, with respect to the preparation of schedules and statements, all decisions are at the sole discretion and direction of the Company. The Company reviews and approves all schedules and statements filed on behalf of, or by, the Company; Verita bears no responsibility for the accuracy or contents therein. The Company agrees to initiate and maintain backup files that would allow the Company to regenerate or duplicate all programs and data submitted by the Company to Verita.

D. The Company agrees that except as expressly set forth herein, Verita makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including, but not limited to, any implied or express warranty of merchantability, fitness or adequacy for a particular purpose or use, quality, productiveness or capacity.

X. FORCE MAJEURE

Verita will not be liable for any delay or failure in performance when such delay or failure arises from circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation acts of God, acts of government in its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of public enemy or terrorists, acts of civil or military authority, war, riots, civil strife, terrorism, blockades, sabotage, rationing, embargoes, epidemics, pandemics, outbreaks of infectious diseases or any other public health crises, earthquakes, fire, flood, other natural disaster, quarantine or any other employee restrictions, power shortages or failures, utility or communication failure or delays, labor disputes, strikes, or shortages, supply shortages, equipment failures, or software malfunctions.

XI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The Company and Verita are and shall be independent contractors of each other and no agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship shall arise, directly or indirectly, as a result of this Agreement.

XII. NOTICES

All notices and requests in connection with this Agreement shall be given or made upon the respective parties in writing and shall be deemed as given as of the third day following the day it is deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid or on the day it is given if sent by facsimile or electronic mail or on the day after the day it is sent if sent by overnight courier to the appropriate address set forth below:

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KCC/Verita Global, LLC	Company
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor	Address
El Segundo, CA 90245	City, ST Zip
Attn: Drake D. Foster	Attn:
Tel: (310) 823-9000	Email:
Fax: (310) 823-9133	Tel:
E-Mail: dfoster@veritaglobal.com	Fax:

Or to such other address as the party to receive the notice or request so designates by written notice to the other.

XIII. APPLICABLE LAW

The validity, enforceability, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

XIV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/ MODIFICATIONS

Each party acknowledges that it has read this Agreement, understands it, and agrees to be bound by its terms and further agrees that it is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties, which supersedes and merges all prior proposals, understandings, other agreements, and communications oral and written between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. The Company represents that it has the authority to enter into this Agreement, and the Agreement is non-dischargeable under any applicable statute or law. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected or impaired thereby. This Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument duly executed by an authorized representative of the Company and an officer of Verita.

XV. COUNTERPARTS; EFFECTIVENESS

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties, which delivery may be made by exchange of copies of the signature page by facsimile or electronic mail.

XVI. ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement and the rights and duties hereunder shall not be assignable by the parties hereto except upon written consent of the other, with the exception that this Agreement can be assigned without written consent by Verita to a wholly-owned subsidiary or affiliate of Verita.

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XVII. ATTORNEYS' FEES

In the event that any legal action, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce the performance or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the parties agree to reimburse the prevailing party's reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other related expenses, which may be set by the court in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose, in addition to any other relief to which the prevailing party may be entitled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective as of the first date mentioned above.

Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global

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Evan J. Gershbein
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BY: Evan Gershbein DATE: 15-Sep-2026 | 12:05:02 PM EDT
TITLE: EVP, Corporate Restructuring Services

Yardbird Group LLC

BY: Albert Altro DATE: 9/15/26
TITLE:CRO

EXHIBIT B

Gershbein Declaration

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11
Yardbird Group LLC *et al*.,[1]	Case No. 26-11479 (LSS)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)

DECLARATION OF EVAN GERSHBEIN IN SUPPORT OF 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").[2]

3. This Declaration incorporates the *Declaration of Evan Gershbein in Support of Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order Appointing Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba*

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number include: Yardbird Group LLC (7139); Southern Operations, LLC (5384); Yardbird Beverly Hills, LLC (9735); Yardbird DFW, LLC (2545); Yardbird DC, LLC (2651); Yardbird Chicago, LLC (6273); Yardbird Denver LLC (8819), YB Las Vegas, LLC (4071), Yardbird DFW Management LLC (8949), Yardbird DFW Concession LLC (1952), and The Bird Singapore LLC (8264). The location of the Debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

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

Verita Global as Claims and Noticing Agent, Effective the Petition Date, attached as Exhibit B to the Section 156(c) Application [Docket No. 4].

4. As Administrative Advisor, Verita will perform the Administrative Services specified in the Application and the Services Agreement.

5. Verita is one of the country's leading chapter 11 administrators, with experience in notice, claims administration, solicitation, balloting, and facilitating other administrative aspects of chapter 11 cases. Verita has substantial experience providing the Administrative Services in numerous cases of comparable size, including several cases in this Court. Verita's recent cases in this District include: *In re Reliz Tech. Group Holdings Inc.*, *et al.*, Case No. 26-10371 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 18, 2026); *In re Avenger Flight Group, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 26-10183 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 13, 2026); *In re Salt House, Inc. (f/k/a Food52, Inc.)*, Case No. 25-12277 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 31, 2025); *In re Apple Tree Life Sciences, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-12177 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 17, 2025); *In re American Signature, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-12105 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 26, 2025); *In re Hudson 1701/1706, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 25-11853 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 3, 2025); *In re AGDP Holding Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-11446 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 5, 2025); *In re Marelli Auto. Lighting USA LLC, et al.*, Case No. 25-11034 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 12, 2025); *In re Molecular Templates, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-10739 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 22, 2025); *In re Leisure Invs. Holdings LLC, et al.*, Case No. 25-10606 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 2, 2025); *In re F21 OpCo, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 25-10469 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 18, 2025); *In re Village Roadshow Ent. Group USA Inc., et al.*, Case No. 25-10475 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 18, 2025); *In re Dynamic Aerostructures LLC, et al.*, Case No. 25-10292 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 27, 2025); *In re Gritstone bio, Inc.*, Case No. 24-12305 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Oct.16, 2024); *In re Fulcrum Bioenergy, Inc.*, et al.,

Case No. 24-12008 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Sep. 12, 2024); *In re QLess, Inc.*, Case No. 24-11395 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 21, 2024); *In re Fisker Inc., et al.*, Case No. 24-11390 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Jul 2, 2024); *In re Supply Source Enters., Inc., et al.*, Case No. 24-11054 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 13, 2024); *In re ProSomnus, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 24-10972 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del. May 9, 2024); *In re Sticky's Holding LLC, et al.*, Case No. 24-10856 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 26, 2024); *In re SC Healthcare Holding, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 24-10443 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 22, 2024); *In re Cano Health, Inc., et. al.*, Case No. 24-10164 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 6, 2024); *In re InVivo Therapeutics Corp., et al.*, Case No. 24-10137 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 6, 2024).

6. Verita is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in that Verita and its professional personnel:

(a) are not creditors, equity security holders, or insiders of the Debtors;

(b) are not and were not, within two years before the date of the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, directors, officers, or employees of the Debtors; and

(c) do not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the Debtors' estates or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in the Debtors.

7. I have caused to be submitted for review by our conflicts system the names of identified potential parties in interest in these Chapter 11 Cases (the "Potential Parties in Interest"). The list of Potential Parties in Interest was provided by the Debtors and is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. Verita is not aware of any relationship that would present a disqualifying conflict of interest.

8. The Debtors have many creditors and, accordingly, Verita may have rendered and may continue to render services to certain of these creditors in matters unrelated to the Chapter 11

Cases, either as vendors or in cases where Verita serves in a neutral capacity as a bankruptcy claims and noticing agent or class action settlement administrator. Verita has not and will not represent the separate interests of any such creditor in the Chapter 11 Cases. To the best of my knowledge, neither Verita, nor any of its professional personnel, has any relationship with the Debtors that would impair Verita's ability to serve as Administrative Advisor. Verita has working relationships with certain of the professionals retained by the Debtors and other parties herein, but such relationships, except to the extent that Verita and counsel to the Debtors have communicated concerning the preparations for the Chapter 11 Cases, are unrelated to the Chapter 11 Cases. In addition, Verita personnel may have relationships with some of the Debtors' creditors. Such relationships are, however, of a personal or financial nature and are unrelated to the Chapter 11 Cases. Verita has and will continue to represent clients in matters unrelated to the Chapter 11 Cases and has and will continue to have relationships in the ordinary course of its business with certain vendors and professionals in connection with matters unrelated to the Chapter 11 Cases.

9. To the best of my knowledge, and except as disclosed herein and in the Section 156(c) Application, 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 has performed a comprehensive conflicts check in connection with the Section 156(c) Application and will continue to supplement its disclosure to the Court if any facts or circumstances are discovered that would require disclosure.

10. On May 1, 2023, funds affiliated with GCP Capital Partners LLC ("GCP") indirectly acquired a controlling equity interest in Verita (the "Acquisition"). Pursuant to the Acquisition, an indirect, non-controlling, beneficial minority interest in Verita was acquired by

funds affiliated with J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc. ("JPMIM"). GCP is a middle-market private equity investment firm based in New York. GCP has made investments in a number of industries, including tech-enabled business services, payments, and select financials. JPMIM is a U.S. registered investment adviser. Designees of GCP are members of the Board of Managers (the "Board") of Verita's ultimate parent company, KCC Parent LLC ("Parent"). Parent wholly owns Verita Intermediate, LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita Global, LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita Global Services, LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita. One representative of JPMIM is entitled to attend and observe (but not vote) at all meetings of the Board, but no designee of JPMIM is a member of the Board.

11. Verita searched all entities listed in the list of Potential Parties in Interest against an internal database that includes (i) Verita's parent entities, affiliates, and subsidiaries and (ii) GCP, GCP's funds, and each such fund's respective portfolio companies and investments as set forth in the list most recently provided to Verita by GCP. Based solely on the foregoing search, Verita has determined, to the best of its knowledge, that there are no material connections. JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. is listed as a bank on the Potential Parties in Interest List. There are information barriers between JPMIM and the line of business where JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. may be associated with the Debtors as a bank.

12. To the extent Verita learns of any other material connections between the funds or investments included in the above-described conflicts search and the Debtor, Verita will promptly file a supplemental disclosure. In addition, Verita may have had, may currently have, or may in the future have business relationships unrelated to the Debtors with one or more GCP or JPMIM entities including, among others, portfolio companies of GCP.

13. Verita has no contract or relationship with XClaim Inc. or with any other party under which Verita provides or will provide exclusive access to claims data and/or under which Verita will be compensated for claims data that is made available by Verita.

14. Verita has informed the Debtors that, subject to Court approval, it will invoice the Debtors at its standard hourly rates, which are set forth in the Services Agreement.

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: September 29, 2026
Los Angeles, California

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Evan Gershbein
Evan Gershbein
Executive Vice President
Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba
Verita Global
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Exhibit 1

Potential Parties in Interest

Debtors
Yardbird Group, LLC
Southern Operations, LLC
Yardbird Beverly Hills, LLC
Yardbird DFW, LLC
Yardbird DC, LLC
Yardbird Chicago, LLC
Yardbird Denver LLC
YB Las Vegas, LLC
Yardbird DFW Management, LLC
Yardbird DFW Concessions, LLC
The Bird Singapore LLC

Non-Debtor Affiliates
The Bird Singapore Pte. Ltd. (Singapore)

Top 20 Unsecured Creditors
BP CRF 901 New York Avenue LLC
Internal Revenue Service
Inkind Cards Inc.
RN 120 Company, LLC/SNB 120 Owner, LLC
TC Uptown Office Tower, LLC/ MCPP
Park District Office, LLC
CSC Leasing Co.
Lot 28 Owner LLC
1600 Lenox LLC
La Cienega Partners LP
Allied Global Marketing
Jacob Gray
Sysco North Texas, Inc.
Ramp Business Corporation
Sysco Chicago, Inc.
Edward Don & Company, LLC
Windy City Signs and Graphics
Support305
Sysco Baltimore LLC
Hospitality Service Group
Open Table, Inc.

Lenders
Brightwood Capital SBIC III, LP
Brightwood Loan Services LLC
City National Bank of Florida

Utility Providers
Direct TV, LLC
Comcast Cable Communications, LLC
RingCentral, Inc.
Granite Telecommunications, LLC
Breezeline
Slang AI
ComEd Commonwealth Edison Company
FPL Florida Power & Light Company
Pepco Potomac Electric Power Company
SoCalGas Southern California Gas Company
Peoples Gas System, Inc
Gas South, LLC
TECO Peoples Gas
Washington Gas Light Company
LA Department of Water and Power
(LRS) Lakeshore Recycling Systems LLC
Extrity, LLC
ADT Security Services

Significant Vendors
VCR Restaurant Ventures, LLC
The Chefs Warehouse West Coast, LLC
Sysco South Florida, Inc.
Sysco Corporation
Toast, Inc.
Restaurant365, LLC
Paylocity Holding Corporation
Puzzle Solutions LLC
The Restaurant Assistants

Insurance Carriers
ARC Excess & Surplus, LLC
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
CHUBB
Crum & Forster Insurance Company
Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

Principal National Life Insurance Co

Debtors' Professionals
Traverse LLC
Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP
Soravine Advisors LLC
Verita Global

Other Professionals
Cohn Reznick
Dine Technology
Higgs Fletcher and Mack LLP
Albert Altro
Adam Paul
Spencer Fane LLP
Darrow Everett LLP
5W Public Relations, LLC

Litigation Parties
Andres Vizcarra

Current Equity Holders
TriSpan RS YB LLC
Yardbird Group MIP, LLC

Banks
J.P. Morgan Chase

Taxing and Regulatory Authorities
Illinois Department of Revenue
City of Chicago Department of Finance
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
DC Office of Tax and Revenue
California Department of Tax and Fee Administration
Florida Department of Revenue
Miami-Dade County Tax Collector
City of Miami Beach Finance Department
Cook County Treasurer
Dallas County Tax Office
LA County Treasurer and Tax Collector
LA County Assessor / Treasurer Tax Collector
California Franchise Tax Board
Texas Workforce Commission
Illinois Department of Employment Security
DC Department of Employment Services
California Employment Development Dept.
City of Beverly Hills Finance Department

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Christine Green
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Joseph Cudia
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