1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

FSP STALLION 1, LLC, *et al.*, Plaintiffs,

MICHAEL LUCE, et al.,

Defendants.

AND ALL RELATED CLAIMS

Case No. 2:08-CV-01155-PMP-PAL

ORDER

The Court's Order (Doc. #70) entered May 1, 2009, denying Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint (Doc. #47) adequately sets for the background of this action. On August 19, 2009, Plaintiffs filed an Amended Complaint (Doc. #320). Thereafter, the Parties engaged in extensive discovery. On May 17, 2011, the Court approved the stipulation of the Parties Dismissing Certain of the Parties' Claims and Counterclaims (Doc. #444).

Currently before the Court are Defendant William T. Walters' and Golf Club of 21 22 Nevada, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment (Docs. #449/455); Defendants Michael E. 23 Luce, Joe R. Munsch, Fairway Signature Properties, LLC, Evergreen Alliance Golf Limited, L.P., and Stallion Mountain LeaseCo, LLC's Motion for Summary Judgment 24 (Doc. #447); Defendants Clay Womack, TIC Capital Markets, Inc., and Direct Capital 25 Securities, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. #453); and Defendant Alliance 26 27 Golf Limited, LP, and Stallion Mountain LeaseCo, LLC's Motion for Summary Judgment on Plaintiffs' Claim for Breach of Fiduciary Duty (Doc. #452). 28

Having considered the voluminous briefing of the Parties, and the arguments presented at the hearing of August 11, 2011, the Court finds that there remain genuine issues of material fact and witness credibility issues which warrant denial of the foregoing 3 Motions for Summary Judgment as to most of the claims remaining before the Court, and now set for trial scheduled to commence December 5, 2011.

Specifically, the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in Janus Capital Group, Inc. v. First Derivative Traders, 131 Supreme Court 2296 (2011) supports summary judgment in favor Defendants Clay Womack, TIC Capital Markets, Inc. and Direct Capital Securities, Inc. as to Plaintiffs' First and Second Claims for Relief for Federal Securities Fraud. Additionally, the Court finds Plaintiffs have failed to adduce evidence giving rise to a genuine issue of material fact whether Defendant Evergreen Alliance Golf Limited, L.P. owed a fiduciary duty to Plaintiffs sufficient to support Plaintiffs' Eighth Claim for Relief. As to all remaining Claims, however, the Court finds genuine issues of material fact grounded in part on credibility determinations to be made by the trier of fact require denial of the Summary Judgment Motions now before the Court.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Defendant Evergreen Alliance Golf Limited, L.P.'s ("EAGL") Motion for Summary Judgment on Plaintiffs' Eighth Claim for Breach of Fiduciary Duty (Doc. #478) is **GRANTED** as to that Defendant only.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Motion of Defendants Clay Womack, TIC Capital Markets, Inc. and Direct Capital Securities, Inc. for Summary Judgment (Doc. #453) is **GRANTED** only as to Plaintiffs' First and Second Claims for Federal Securities Fraud.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' Motions for Summary Judgment (Docs. #449/455, #447, #453, and #452) are **DENIED** in all other respects.

DATED: August 16, 2011.

hip M. Chu

M 'PRO United States District Judge

1

2