



Keystone Property Group Signs Two More Life Sciences Companies At The Curtis

Aro Biotherapeutics and a classified, Penn-incubated biotech company join growing life science hub at The Curtis

PHILADELPHIA -- (August 4, 2021) -- [Keystone Property Group](#) announced today it has signed two leases with [Aro Biotherapeutics Company](#) and a classified, Penn-incubated biotech company at the landmark publishing house, [The Curtis](#). The companies join existing biotech tenants IMVAX and Vivodyne, further validating The Curtis as a premier location for the scientific community to develop and pioneer life-saving therapies and attract world-class talent to achieve their missions.

Aro Biotherapeutics Company (“Aro”), a biotechnology company pioneering the development of tissue-targeted genetic medicines, will take occupancy of short-term flex lab space at The Curtis on October 1, 2021 before its permanent space is ready by January 1, 2022. Aro announced an [\\$88 million Series A financing](#) early this year and is moving from a smaller location in University City to accommodate growth. Its custom space at The Curtis will provide a world-class facility to enable Aro’s growing team to engage in cutting-edge scientific research. Bob Zwengler, Anthony Pell, Matt Knowles and Paul Touhey of [CBRE](#) represented Aro, while Tim Conrey, Lisa Berger Baskin and KJ Kulik of [Scheer Partners](#) represented Keystone as the landlord.

“We’re excited that Aro’s headquarters will be moving to the historic Curtis building,” said Susan Dillon, Aro’s CEO and Co-Founder. “It’s an ideal venue to support the next phase of Aro’s growth and be a part of the local biotech community.”

Keystone purchased the 12-floor, 912,245-square-foot building in 2014 and converted former printing press space to wet lab space for life sciences companies like Aro, Vivodyne, and IMVAX. In October, Keystone will deliver INQ Labs at The Curtis, the market’s only self-contained, furnished lab suites offering office and lab space combinations from 3,500 square feet to 6,000 square feet. For those interested in joining the life sciences ecosystem at The Curtis, there are currently two INQ lab suites available for lease.

“The decisions of these best-in-class companies further illustrate the strategic imperative of The Curtis,” says Keystone Founder and CEO Bill Glazer. “Existing mission-critical features at The Curtis and Keystone’s ability to deliver on time and at cost enable us to accommodate life sciences companies with immediate needs to create a state-of-the-art facility. As a result, our tenants can occupy their spaces faster and attract the mission-critical intellectual capital of Philadelphia’s research institutions.”

The Curtis has the physical features and design specifications that are imperative for life science companies, including oversized ceiling heights and vibration-resistant floors, fresh air



intakes, dual power supply, backup emergency power, loading and freight elevators, and venting chases. Additional amenities include a tenant meeting and lounge suite called The Post, 300-space parking garage, childcare center, high-end restaurant, 24-hour card access, and on-site security.

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About Keystone Property Group

Keystone is a vertically integrated commercial real estate development and investment company. Headquartered in Conshohocken, Pa., its portfolio of iconic projects attracting world-class companies includes 10 million square feet of office and mixed-use properties with 2 million square feet under development, and spans thriving locations along the East Coast. For more information, please visit www.keystonepropertygroup.com.

About Aro Biotherapeutics

Based in Philadelphia, Aro Biotherapeutics is a biotechnology company pioneering the development of tissue-targeted genetic medicines with a platform based on a proprietary protein technology called Centyrins. The company is developing a wholly-owned pipeline of Centyrin-based therapeutic candidates and is working with industry partners to leverage Centyrins for tissue-specific targeting of therapeutics for a diverse set of diseases. For more information, visit www.arobiotx.com.

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