North West Canna Fest 2023 Panel Discussion:

We are proud to announce our panel of experts, the 'top of the crop' (no pun intended!):

• Stefan JF Bezuidenhout – Managing Director of SJF Attorneys Incorporated





"Stefan is an admitted attorney with a keen interest in the challenges facing the cannabis industry in South Africa and more specifically, the laws surrounding them. He comes from a background in criminal law and was the continuous cannabis related arrests what sparked his passion for the industry. Stefan also spent 2 (two) years in the Medicinal & Recreational Cannabis department at Schindler's Attorneys, under the unparalleled guidance of Paul-Michael Keichel, one of the attorneys who spear-headed the case we all came to know as "The Trial of the Plant". His expertise isn't however limited to Recreational Cannabis, Stefan has assisted many licensed facilities with their legal needs and even attended multiple SAHPRA inspections personally, giving him in depth knowledge of what SAHPRA requires when inspecting your cultivation facility for licensing approval."

Quin van Kerken – CEO of Quin's Own





"Quin's Own is a multifaceted cannabis company, with a research and development subsidiary that specialises in formulating cannabis medications, both CBD and THC, and other subsidiaries involved in consulting, marketing and media within the cannabis industry."

Quin was also an expert witness for the Trial of the Plant and for Jeremy Acton & Gareth Prince's case (the case that got cannabis decriminalised through the Constitutional Court)

• Nicolas Behr – CEO of Canna Yeza





"Canna Yeza, a company that specializes in medicinal cannabis, has an opportunity to develop a productive new industry following the recent legalization of cannabis for medicinal purposes. This industry aims to provide an alternative solution for patients who suffer from chronic or terminal illnesses and do not respond well to conventional medicines or experience severe side effects."



Nicolas Behr Chief Executive Officer

Nicolas Behr, founder and Chief Executive Officer of Canna Yeza, was born with an innate, entrepreneurial spirit. From the tender age of 19, he identified opportunities in the market and established successful enterprises, one of which being corporate cleaning solutions in Johannesburg. Through Nic's career path, an invaluable skill-set and business acumen developed, which further sharpened his ability to create strategic relationships and realize the envisioned pathway to achievement.

Nic embodies the "Yeza" lifestyle, which in definition encompasses the elixir of life, used to heal.

Nic has a passion for thrills, which include in excess of 500 skydiving jumps, competitive jet-skiing and the adventure of travel. When Nic is not working, he spends as much time as possible with his family.

Romke De Jongh – Owner / Director AR Manager of R³ Candistills





R3 CANDISTILLS is a leading licensed medical cannabis cultivator. Our sustainable production environment will enable our clients' access premium medical grade cannabis flower at a competitive price. We are currently supplying organic, contaminants free GACP and EUGMP 20%+ THC flower. Our Farm meets GMP's highest standards of cultivation. R³ Candistills PTY currently exports High THC Flower to Australia's biggest white color manufacturer - 300kg per year. Based on tests concluded by NAFS, R³ Candistills rated the highest THC % in South Africa in Medical Cannabis Flower at 29.8%