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QUALIFICATIONS

1979 DSc (Agric) (Agricultural Economics) University of Pretoria
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EXPERIENCE

Andre Louw was born in South African. After completing his studies at Stellenbosch he joined the Department of Agricultural Economics in Pretoria, was appointed lecture at the University of Pretoria in 1975, Unisa in 1978 and Santam Bank in 1981. In 1984 he was appointed at Volkskas. He was General Manager: AgriBusiness of Absa Bank, a large commercial bank for 18 years and CEO of ARS (Agricultural Risk Specialists), an insurance company. He completed various management courses in the USA, France, Brazil and in South Africa. During his career he gained vast experience in banking, in insurance and project management and specializes in agribusiness, strategy, marketing and risk management.

He joined the University of Pretoria in 2003 where he is currently professor in Agribusiness. Andre is involved in teaching and research in the various fields of agribusiness e.g. strategy & business planning, supply chain management, finance, risk, marketing and project management, etc., mainly for post graduate students. He has been involved in various local and international research projects on retail markets, Africa, curricula development, insurance, credit policies and risk management, and business planning. Andre also has vast experience in the compilation and assessment of business plans, in financial- and in feasibility analysis.

He has also been involved in various development projects, leadership programs, etc. He was also awarded the FR Tomlinson medal, a prestige award, for his contribution to Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness in South Africa in 1997. He also has awards for published papers.

Furthermore, during his career he has significant international exposure with visits (both business and academic) to Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Ghana, Israel, Italy, Japan, Hungary, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Zimbabwe, UK, USA .
