
NAME OF FIRM:	OABS Development Pty Ltd
NAME OF STAFF:	Nico Van Aardt
PROFESSION:	Chartered Accountant
DATE OF BIRTH:	1 June 1967
YEARS WITH FIRM:	1 years
NATIONALITY:	South African

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2016 MPhil Development Finance (Cum Laude), University of Stellenbosch Business School
 - 2014 First Level Regulatory Examination: Representatives First Level Regulatory Examination: FSPs (sole proprietors) and Key Individuals in Categories I, II, IIA, III and IV, Financial Services Board
 - 2000 Master of Business Leadership (MBL) / (MBA Equivalent, University of South Africa
 - 1994 Qualify as Chartered Accountant, CA (SA), Public Accountants and Auditors Board Qualifying Examination
 - 1990 BCom Hons (Accounting), University of Pretoria
 - 1990 Certificate in the Theory of Accountancy (CTA), University of Pretoria
 - 1989 BCom (Accounting), University of Pretoria
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EXPERIENCE

Nico van Aardt have been working in the field of development finance for more than 15 years, gaining experience in various industries with a focus on Forestry, Manufacturing and Agriculture. He completed a MPhil Development Finance degree at the University of Stellenbosch in 2016. The topic of his research assignment linked to the degree was the Commercialization of Small Scale Farmers. His research focused on the key success factors required for the successful integration of emerging farmers into the formal agricultural sector.

During his years in performing due diligence investigations and structuring investment proposals Nico has become proficient in identifying key success factors for many businesses and developed the skill to identify key risks and drivers for new and / or expanding businesses.

As an investment professional Nico is well versed in report writing, financial modeling and delivering investment presentations. The combination of his qualifications; CA(SA), MBL and MPhil gives him the key competency required to deliver projects with strong strategic insight, but without losing focus of the financial implication and requirements of investors, but yet taking into account relevant developmental objectives.