



## Professional Profile – Louis van der Vyver

Louis started off his career in the LAW industry. He completed his B. Proc. Law Degree (4 years) at the University of Pretoria in 1982 and was admitted as an attorney at the age of 22. He practiced law as a small boutique property law firm before joining a large corporate law firm as an associate. After practicing law for a period of 4 years the ambition was always to join the business world. Before taking this next step, Louis enrolled for his MBA degree in 1987 at the Business School at the University of Pretoria, today known as GIBS. Upon completion all subjects and his thesis, he joined Central Merchant Bank (Senbank) as a consultant in the Project Finance (Structured Finance) Department. During his tenure at Senbank he was involved in many local and international transactions. In 1990 Louis started an Integrated Property Consulting Company with Partners which lead to the formation of Invest Group Projects in 1991. The Group specialized in various property developments, from hospitals, Retail & Offices, Residential and Leisure. In 2017 Invest Group Projects was rebranded as Waterford Bridge Property Group. The Group continued in the same focus areas of development. During the last 30 years Louis had exposure to a wide variety of transactions and businesses, ranging from structuring & funding arrangements to the actual creation of new businesses. Such would be the development of a hospital, the non-executive function as director to the listing of the hospital, have a seat on the board of the listed entity. Ultimately the listed entity was merged into a bigger group through a Scheme of arrangement. Businesses were created or acquired over the years. Many had an underlying property as the backbone which required a fully functional and profitable business to add value to the property. Examples of these businesses are Hospitals, Clinics, Medical Centers, Logistics, Country Clubs, Hospitality Businesses and Leisure venues. In 2018 Louis participated in the Human Capital Mastery Program of CCI Professional and simultaneously did the Creative Life Planning program of Xpand under Paul Donders. This has led to the discovery of an interest outside of property, namely the area of Human Capital Investments. In 2019, Louis formalized his relationship with CCI Professional in the form of a Friend. By the end of 2019 he agreed to become an Apprentice Consultant in CCI Professional and started with his training. Louis's newly formed career & life goals are to unlock value in People, Property and Propositions. He lives in Pretoria, South Africa.



## Consultant, Mentor & Advisor

Over many years Louis played a role as Consultant and Advisor in many areas such as the Business world but also in various Churches. On many occasions soon after joining a particular Church he not only participated as an attendee but became involved in one or more programs. He was invited on many occasions to join the Financial Board or the Operational Governing Body. On numerous occasions he led programs on all the many lessons life has taught him and on learning to grow from setbacks and sharing such wisdom as a mentor with a younger generation.

## Academic Background

- **B. Proc @ University of Pretoria (RSA)**
  - This course is a four year law degree and equivalent to the current 4 year LLB degree.
- **MBA @ University of Pretoria (RSA)**
  - The Master's degree was completed at the Business School of the University of Pretoria which today is known GIBS (Gordon Institute of Business Studies) – Illovo, Johannesburg

# Hobbies & Interests

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Outside of a career that played off in a number of arenas:

- Louis always had a keen interest to travel locally and also internationally. To explore and take road trips were the best way to expand horizons but experience our country with its diversity.
- Louis places a high value on family life and to enjoy life with them.
- As a keen sportsman, to exercise is a daily routine. To enjoy a game of golf is just part of enjoying the passion.
- Louis is part of group of +-15 school friends that have known each other since Grade 1 or even earlier and yet still holiday or socialize together on regular occasions. Enjoying the friendships for so many years have built a lasting legacy amongst this group of friends.



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