

N. Gary Van Nest

Mr. Van Nest has over 40 years of experience in the brokerage, merchant banking, investment management and venture capital industries.

His past titles and positions include:

President of Wisener & Partners Co. Ltd., one of the first Canadian Institutional Brokerage boutiques, with offices in Toronto, Montreal, Boston, New York and London, England;

President and CEO of Triarch Corporation, one of Canada's early merchant banking organizations, associated with Brascan Corp. and John Labatt;

Chairman of Elliott and Page Ltd., one of Canada's largest investment counseling and management organizations; and

President of Canadian Venture Capital Corporation, one of Bay Street's early venture investing organizations.

During his career Mr. Van Nest has also been involved as a Director/Officer of several notable public and private companies, such as Eldorado Nuclear, now Cameco, the largest uranium mining and processing company in the world, Toromont Industries Ltd., one of the largest Caterpillar dealer in the world, Pathfinder Beverages Ltd., the largest Pepsi Cola bottling company in Canada, Noble China Ltd., the first and largest formal Canada - China foreign joint ventures and one of the largest national brewers and distributors of beer in China, and Kyrgoil Corp., the company which built and operated the first and only oil refinery in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Mr. Van Nest also served as Chairman of the early fundraising efforts for Young People's Theatre in Toronto, as Director of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society for five years and as a Director and supporter of the Hospice Calgary society.

Mr. Van Nest holds a bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Windsor, and did post graduate studies at McGill University and the University of Toronto.

Mr. Van Nest currently resides in Toronto, Ontario, where he serves as Chairman of Woodland Biofuels Inc. and MedX Health Group. He also remains a Director of several public and private companies.