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### **CGF RECEIVES A GOVERNANCE BOOST FROM ITS HONORARY PATRON: J MICHAEL JUDIN**

For a number of years, CGF Research Institute (Pty) Ltd ('CGF') has become known as an organisation concerned about raising the awareness and need for sound governance practices within business and government. In its earlier days, CGF was mostly involved in providing a few interested clients a set of hand-packed slides that would cover a few salient points regarding King I and thereafter King II. Years later, CGF provides extensive coverage of governance reports via web based applications to many corporates, locally and internationally based, amongst other governance, risk and compliance related services.

In 2003, when CGF was in a start-up mode and still trying to establish its credentials and services, there was not a huge interest from the market and the company relied on any form of outside assistance it could receive to help it along in its journey. Of course, similar to most start-ups, the journey was not only a tough pioneering one, but also extremely difficult considering that there was the Institute of Directors of Southern Africa who was an already established organisation and custodian of the governance arena, as well as the large auditing firms who provided various forms of consulting in this complex field. Trying to find our way and establish our niche became easier when our clients became more aware of CGF's objectives to impart governance related information at the "right time and right place" so to speak. Of course, we also had great business partners, associates and friends which are still in place today, and who would guide the development process of what CGF has become today.

One such friend of CGF is none other than Michael Judin, who has not only been known for his long standing relationship with the Institute of Directors of Southern Africa, but also as an iconic attorney and director in one of South Africa's premier boutique law firms, Goldman Judin Inc, which was established in Johannesburg in 1936. He obtained his qualification in law from the University of Witwatersrand and commenced practice in 1969.

Michael is a member of the Committee who was responsible for the preparation of the King III Code and Report on Corporate Governance, a Commissioner of the Small Claims Court and Legal Advisor to, and a Director of, the American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa. He is a member of the International Bar Association and an Associate Member of the American Bar Association.



J Michael Judin (Right), director of Goldman Judin Inc, accepts an Honorary Patronship from Terry Booyesen, CEO of CGF Research Institute

He also serves as the non-executive Chairman of Privest Group Limited and is the lead independent non-executive director of Nu-World Holdings Limited, both of which companies are listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. He is also Director of Set Point Group Limited and several other unlisted companies, a Trustee of several Trusts and serves on the Boards of two charitable organisations.

CGF is honored to have Michael Judin amongst our ranks and believe his presence will bring tremendous value to our business and all its constituents. His wealth of knowledge in the governance and legal arenas, including the positioning of his law firm and its associations with various international law firms, tax consultants are quite unique and difficult to match.

#### ***About CGF Research Institute (Pty) Ltd***

CGF is a Proudly South African company that specialises in conducting desktop research on Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) related topics. The company has developed numerous products that cover GRC reports designed to create a high-level awareness and understanding of issues impacting a CEO through to all employees of the organisation.

Through CGF's strategic partners, their capabilities extend to management consulting, executive learning and facilitation of Corporate Governance and Risk awareness workshops, which caters for large corporates to small and medium sized businesses. To find out more about CGF, its patrons and their respective services, access [www.cgf.co.za](http://www.cgf.co.za) or [www.corporate-governance.co.za](http://www.corporate-governance.co.za)

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- ✓ Distribution, Agencies & Licenses
- ✓ Commercial & Corporate Litigation
- ✓ Intellectual Property
- ✓ International Transactions
- ✓ Joint Ventures
- ✓ Mergers & Acquisitions
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