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The secret is out: The 2023 Financial Planning Institute of Southern Africa Financial Planner of the Year finalists have been announced

Johannesburg: With November fast approaching for the 2023 Financial Planning Institute of Southern Africa (FPI) Annual Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner where this year's winner of the **FPI Financial Planner of the Year (FPOTY)** competition will be crowned, the FPI has formally announced the three finalists that will be vying for the coveted title as Noel De Kock, CFP®, Lara Warburton, CFP® and Thomas Brukman, CFP®.

The rigorous process of assessing potential entrants, and pulling in all the scores and moderating them, has been successfully done, and took place without any hitches. The winner will be announced on 14 November at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg. The new reigning financial planner of the year will be awarded with the FPI Financial Planner of the Year trophy and a certificate and be appointed as the FPI and CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® (CFP®) professional brand ambassador.

Launched in 2000, the FPOTY award is the most prestigious in the financial planning industry. It recognises the country's top CFP® professional – an extraordinary professional who exhibits groundbreaking ideas, consummate skill and unimpeachable ethics when dealing with clients. The Award is judged by independent judges ranging from academics, industry experts, and FPI senior management and board members.

Every year the FPI recognises and awards financial planners who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in plying their trade. The competition is composed of very stringent tasks faced by the finalists in all three rounds. Only applicants demonstrating their talents and abilities to the highest degree make it through the rounds. This is an occasion to show that all the hard work and dedication demonstrated by the finalists to the profession and industry has paid off.

The three finalists:

Thomas Brukman, CFP®

Thomas Brukman, CFP® is a retirement specialist and director at Chartered Wealth Solutions Western Cape. He is passionate about helping clients achieve their dreams/goals, while supporting them throughout the life transitions they go through. He is also driven by connecting and forming strong relationships with clients.

Noel De Kock, CFP®

Noel De Kock, CFP® is a wealth advisor and personal CFO to businessmen, professionals, and public servants who look to protect their families' legacy, the continuity of their businesses, and their dignity in retirement.

Lara Warburton, CFP®

Lara Warburton, CFP® is a managing director at Integral Wealth Management, with a demonstrated history of working in the financial services industry, for both large corporates and boutique firms. She is skilled in business management, all aspects of independent financial planning and investment management.

On the night, more awards will also be handed out for competition categories including the **Diversity and Inclusion Award** that speaks to the efforts of the individual exhibiting tireless endeavour to foster diversity in the financial planning profession, the **Harry Brews Award** which honours an extraordinary individual for undying and dedicated service to both the FPI and the financial planning profession in general, the **It Starts with Me Award** which recognises a CFP® professional for their unyielding dedication to promoting the CFP® certification and the **Top Candidate Award** which goes to the candidate whose performance surpassed all the others' in the FPI's CFP® Professional Competency Examination.

Standby for another Awards Ceremony that's sure to be of epic proportions.

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