

# TPCO and Gold Flora: Pioneering Merger in Vertically Integrated Cannabis Industry

In a move that signifies consolidation and strategic positioning within California's cannabis industry, TPCO Holdings, known as The Parent Co., and Gold Flora have announced their intention to merge. This all-stock deal, revealed in a recent news release, heralds the creation of a formidable entity in the cannabis market.

## The Merger Details

The merger entails Gold Flora shareholders holding a majority stake of 51% in the combined business, with The Parent Co. retaining the remaining 49%. Operating under the name New Parent, the merged entity will function as Gold Flora Corp. Pending approval, New Parent is slated to trade on Canada's Neo Exchange and the over-the-counter markets.

## Financial Aspects of the Merger

Under the terms of the agreement, Gold Flora will gain access to a \$5 million line of credit from The Parent Co. at a 10% annual interest rate, backed by Gold Flora assets. In the event of the merger falling through, Gold Flora would be liable to repay the outstanding balance. However, upon successful completion of the merger, this debt will be forgiven.

## Expansion and Operational Integration

Upon finalization of the merger, New Parent's operational presence in California will be extensive, boasting:

- 20 stores
- 12 house brands
- Three distribution centers
- One manufacturing facility
- Six cultivation facilities

This consolidation is expected to streamline operations and yield substantial annualized savings estimated between \$20 million and \$25 million, as stated in the release.

## Leadership and Strategic Direction

Troy Datcher of TPCO will assume the role of New Parent's board chair, while Gold Flora's Laurie Holcomb will serve as CEO. This leadership structure is poised to leverage the strengths of both companies to drive growth and innovation in the merged entity.

## Industry Context and Significance

The proposed merger marks one of the noteworthy developments in the cannabis industry for 2023. It comes amidst a backdrop of reduced merger and acquisition activities within the cannabis sector in the previous

year. With only \$3.2 billion exchanged in cannabis-related deals in 2022, down from the record high of \$10.3 billion in the preceding year, this consolidation holds particular significance in the industry's landscape.

### **A Momentous Step Forward**

As The Parent Co. and Gold Flora embark on this merger journey, it symbolizes a strategic alignment aimed at capitalizing on synergies, expanding market reach, and driving efficiencies. With a combined vision and complementary strengths, New Parent is poised to emerge as a formidable player in California's dynamic cannabis market.

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