

### FIRST QUARTER 2023 EARNINGS PRESENTATION

**TSX: GURU** 

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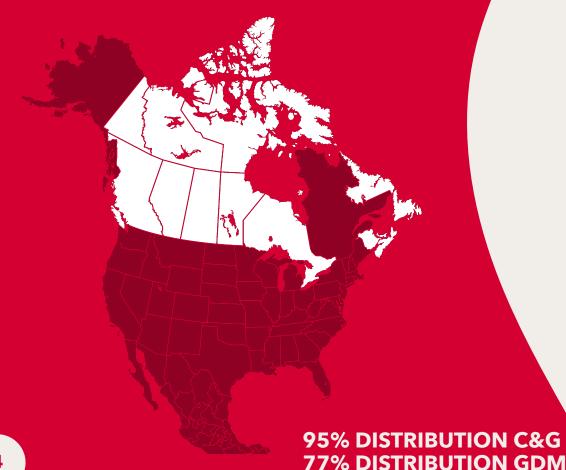




Carl Goyette
President and CEO



## **GROWING OUR BRAND IN CANADA**



### **FOCUS ON Q2 AND BEYOND**

- Q1 2023 marked the last quarter of our Canadian distribution model transition period
- Continued consumer purchases (scanned retail sales) growth of 24% for the last 52 weeks<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Effective management of the business in Q1, protecting our gross margin and optimizing our marketing investments
- Launch of GURU Theanine Fruit Punch at the end of the month, proven to enhance focus and mental performance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nielsen: Period ending January 28, 2023, Grocery Drug Mass (GDM) + Convenience & Gas (C&G), Canada vs. same period year ago.



# U.S. AND ONLINE EXPANSION



#### **U.S. ACTIVITIES**

- Continued consumer purchases (scanned retail sales) growth of 20% in California natural food stores<sup>1</sup>, with Guayusa Tropical Punch reaching #2 best selling SKU in that target segment
- Lower Q1 revenues mainly the result of delistings at less profitable locations and timing of orders
- New 12-week rotational program at leading warehouse club chain to start in Los Angeles in June

#### **ONLINE ACTIVITIES**

Continued strong topline performance with improved profitability in Q1 driven by optimized investments

<sup>1</sup> SPINS IRI data, Last 52-week period ending January 29, 2023, Total Natural channel, California, vs. previous year.





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## Q1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- Consumer scan data in Canada showed a 24% YOY sales increase, reflecting continued demand at the consumer level
- Net revenue decline mainly due to balance of initial pipeline fill and reduction in inventory on hand
- Maintaining sector-leading gross margin of 53.7% versus 54.5% in Q1 2022
- Net loss of \$2.6 million versus \$3.0 million in Q1 2022
- Maintaining very strong financial position reflecting prudent balance sheet management; allowing us to self-fund our growth

**24%**GROWTH IN CANADIAN CONSUMER SCAN DATA<sup>1</sup>

\$5.0M

**NET REVENUE** vs. \$7.0M in Q1 2022

(\$2.6M)

**ADJUSTED EBITDA** vs. (\$3.0M) in Q1 2022

\$52.5M

CREDIT FACILITIES to fund growth

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### STARTING A NEW GROWTH CHAPTER

- End of transition period with PepsiCo
- Hiring of Rajaa Grar as Chief Revenue Officer to play key role in our growth strategy
- Launch of GURU Theanine Fruit Punch in Canada, the first mental performance energy drink of its kind
- Strong balance sheet to invest in our growth for the years ahead
- GURU has all the right elements to succeed and become the leader of organic and better-for-you energy drinks in North America



