

CHAMPIONS OF BUSINESS

Faariah Khan and Kevin Singh Co-Founders Green Age Farms Limited



Green Age Farms Limited (GAF) designs and supplies fully automated hydroponic systems. The company also provides training in the installation and operation of these systems as well as one-on-one after sales service. Faariah Khan and Kevin Singh started the company to promote and provide a sustainable and resource efficient method of non-traditional agriculture in Trinidad and Tobago. GAF offers solutions for both commercial and personal use, striving to use professionally manufactured, high quality components.

Faariah and Kevin started off using the traditional hydroponic method available locally, but they soon realised the drawbacks. They experimented with hydroponic systems used locally but all proved to be labour intensive and not space efficient. Faariah and Kevin saw a gap in the agriculture industry for innovative, sustainable, low maintenance technology used to grow food. After some research, the two came across a vertical farming solution under the Mr. Stacky brand. It wasn't long before GAF secured the exclusive local distributorship for Mr. Stacky. Faariah and Kevin began designing and installing fully automated vertical hydroponic systems, using Mr. Stacky planters. The benefits of this innovation are space and energy efficiency and the ease of installation and operation. The company also sells the Springpot brand of fabric growbags for larger crop types.

Many people have started their own agri-businesses using the company's systems. Faariah and Kevin recognise their role in facilitating individuals to grow their own food which increases overall food security as well as promote healthier and more sustainable lifestyles.

Faariah and Kevin have gotten interest from corporates, hotels, restaurants and even schools. One major hotel and a popular restaurant currently have vertical hydroponic systems designed and installed by GAF. Faariah and Kevin collaborated with the maximum security prison as part of its rehabilitation programme to install a system which is operated by the inmates.

Faariah and Kevin were invited by the Agricultural Development Bank to host a seminar on their hydroponic methods. The two were also asked to partner with WhyFarm for their Agripreneur Mastermind Program, which was an event spanning eight weeks of competitions and training exercises. Faariah was present as a mentor. The Tobago Agricultural Society also invited the duo to host a training session on hydroponics and its benefits for Tobago.

Faariah and Kevin will soon be opening their flagship storefront which would allow them to increase their product lines and facilitate training and workshops.

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (host of the Champions of Business Awards) and EY (Sponsor of the EY Entrepreneur of the Year™ – Start-up Entrepreneur) congratulates Faariah Khan and Kevin Singh, Co-Founders, Green Age Farms Limited on being selected as joint finalists in the category of Start-up Entrepreneur on November 15, 2019.



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