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- Natural ingredients for the health and wellness, food and beverage and personal care markets
- Precision fermentation for commercial manufacturing
- High value functional ingredients sustainably at lower cost
- Complete lab-to-customer market-scaled process solution
- Pipeline of fully owned ingredients and partnerships
- Research & Development is strategically located in Mountain View, California
- 40 staff, with over 70% in scientific and technical roles



# **PARTNERED PROJECT**





#### The Product: Ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA), multi-hundred tons per year

- Treatment of cholestatic liver disease and gallstone conditions
- Intermediate for Tauroursodeoxycholic acid (TUDCA) for treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)



#### The Willow Solution:

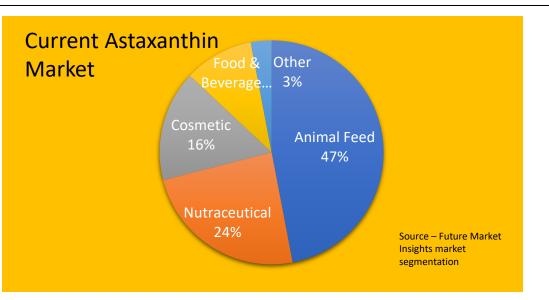
- Partnered with large, global nutraceutical and pharmaceutical company
- Replaced chemical synthesis with bioconversion approach
- Replaced animal-based starting material
- Proof-of-concept complete; fully customer funded development ongoing for commercialization in 2024
- Revenue generation via R&D fees, milestones & license payments

## **ASTAXANTHIN**

### The Opportunity

- Powerful antioxidant belonging to the carotenoid class of compounds
- Own-product opportunity for Willow
- Large, addressable market
- \$750m in 2022, 8% CAGR (>\$1bn in 2027)
- High market price point
- >90% of market is chemically produced
- Cost competitive, "natural" astaxanthin in demand





# The Market



Animal FeedNutraceuticalSalmon / shrimp colorantAntioxidantEgg yolk colorantCholesterol controlGeneral health promoterCognitive performance



NutraceuticalCosmeticAntioxidantAnti-agingCholesterol controlReduces free radicalsognitive performanceUV protectant



Food & Beverage Colorant s Antioxidant Cognitive performance

#### **Development Timeline**



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#### The Product: high volume, natural food opportunity

- Bulk product for use in food applications, currently chemically synthesized
- Brings a natural, sustainable product to an existing, accessible market



#### The Willow Solution:

- Replaced chemical synthesis with bioconversion approach
- Finished Phase 1, optimization is ongoing for commercialization in 2024
- Revenue generation via R&D fees, milestones & license payments

"We look forward to this collaboration with Willow to introduce new, precision-fermented products to benefit our customers and the environment."

**Raw Materials** 

Dr. Roger Nahas, Executive Vice President of Global R&D and Chief Innovation Officer

#### The Product: Cannabigerol

- Skin care and beverage applications
- Starting point for many other rare cannabinoids



#### The Willow Solution:

- 50,000-fold strain performance improvement in 18 months
- Commercially relevant productivity (4 g/l) at large scale proven at 10,000 L (~30 kg per batch)
- Robust, simple purification (>80% yield); exceeds norms
- Clinical study with 0.1% CBG formulation
- Currently selling to cosmetic & personal care market
- Sampled nutrition, food & beverage companies, sales pending GRAS conclusion
- Possible scaling to 100,000 L (~400 kg per batch) in H2 2023
- GRAS for food & beverage complete in Q2 2023

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### WILLOW'S PIPELINE

Functional Ingredients to Replace Unsustainable Production from Plant and Animal Sources

Ingredient	R&D	Pilot	Commercial
CBG			
THCV			
UDCA (w/Sandhill One)			
Undisclosed (w/Kalsec)			
β-carotene			
Astaxanthin			
New proprietary program			
New partnered program			

Status January 2023

Plan for December 2023

\* Possible if partnered

2022	<ul> <li>Expanded from cannabis products to additional functional ingredients</li> <li>Booked first revenue from partnered programs</li> <li>Consolidated all R&amp;D in Mountain View, CA</li> </ul>
2023	<ul> <li>Finalize development of two partnered programs ready for scaleup</li> <li>Significantly increase revenue</li> <li>Build solid pipeline of proprietary and partnered programs</li> <li>Ensure runway to end of 2024</li> </ul>



- First commercial production for partnered product
- Growing revenue including initial royalties
- Widen pipeline equally with partnered and proprietary programs
- Growing R&D team and manufacturing network

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- Over CAD\$65.0 million raised to date with Management and Board investing more than \$8.0 million personally into Willow
- Uplisted to the TSX Main Board in 2019 (TSX: WLLW) and trade on the OTCQB<sup>®</sup> Venture Market (OTCQB: CANSF)
- Started 2023 with CAD\$14-15 million with no debt
- Strong insider ownership at 30%
- Funded to commercialize production and expand portfolio



Willow share capitalization (TSX: WLLW) - As of Sept 30, 2022		
Basic shares outstanding	123.7	
Employee options, PSU's and RSU's <sup>1</sup>	11.1	
Performance warrants <sup>2</sup>	15.0	
Incentive performance warrants <sup>3</sup>	12.1	
Warrants and compensation warrants	1.6	
Fully diluted shares outstanding	163.5	

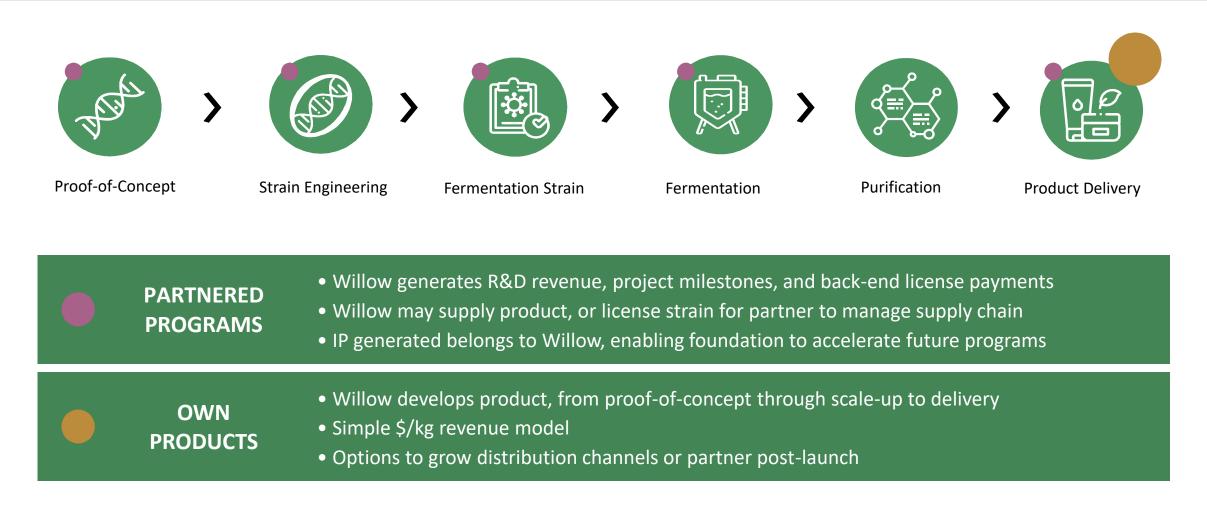
1. Weighted average strike price of \$1.20 for options.

- 2. 15.0mm issued in the April 2019 financing to strategic investors, management and board with a 5 year term. These warrants have a strike price of \$0.88 per share. 1.0mm broker warrants issued in connection with the February 2021 financing with a 2 year term, strike price of \$2.15 per warrant and the ability for Willow to force convert at a 20 day VWAP of \$3.05. Remaining warrants have a weighted average strike price of \$4.00 per share.
- 3. Additional warrants issued if the 20 day VWAP exceeds a share price of \$3.50 per share and Willow is listed on the TSX (or equivalent exchange).

## WILLOW'S ESTABLISHED MULTI-CHANNEL REVENUE MODEL

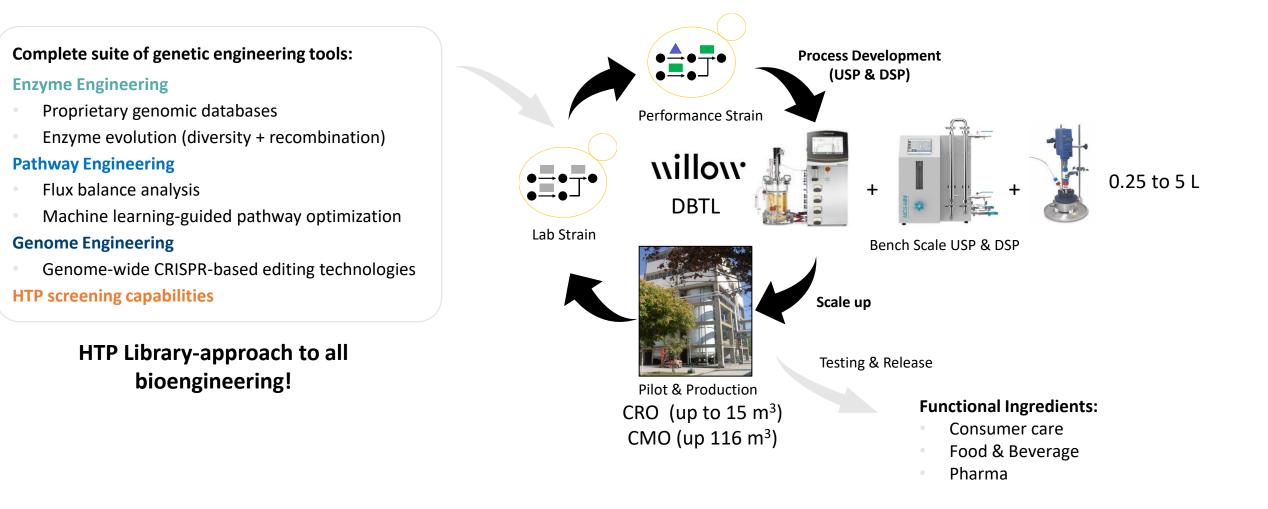


Willow delivers high-value functional ingredients through effective product selection, integrated technologies and capabilities, regulatory understanding, and expert manufacturing network



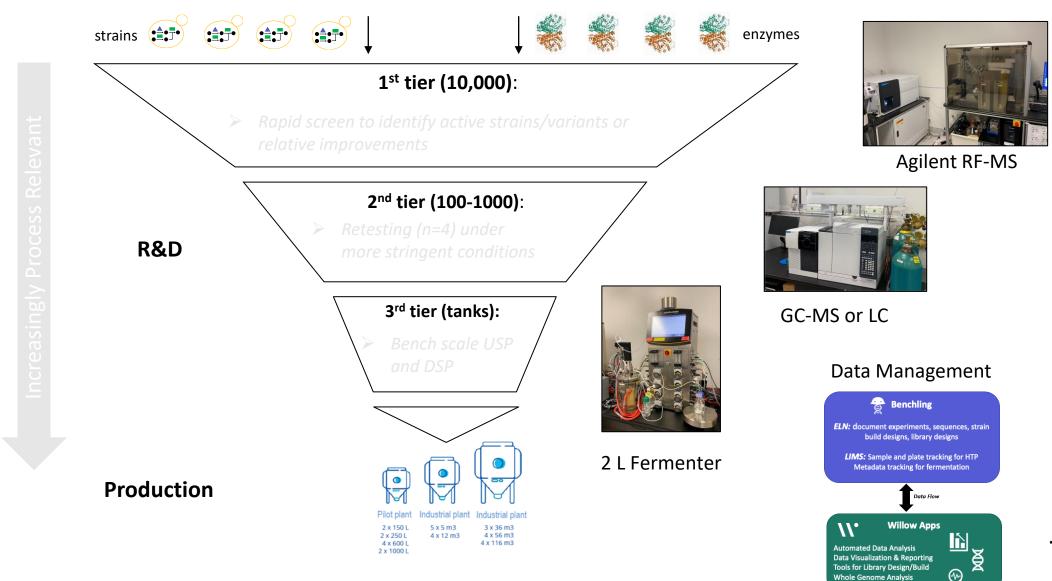
# Technologies & Capabilities

Integration of strain engineering, process development, and partnerships enable rapid development



# Tiered Screening Strategy

Evaluation of strains/enzymes under increasingly stringent conditions



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- Best in class precision fermentation technology platform
- Proven scale-up capabilities



- Technical credibility demonstrated by successful CBG product launch in 2021
- Expansion of platform into related product verticals

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- Strong Willow intellectual property position
- 12 patents filed to date



- Proprietary and partnered programs
- Existing multi-channel revenue model
- Near- and long-term revenue streams



- ESG Solution significant environmental and sustainability benefits
- Increasingly frowned upon by consumers and market participants



 Experienced and accomplished management team that's vested in the business





Willow's scientific team draws its experience from top companies and products:



Willow's team has previously executed commercial deals with world-leading partners:



# LARGE DIVERSE MARKETS WHERE WE CAN LEVERAGE OUR EXPERTISE TO PROVIDE FUNCTIONAL INGREDIENTS



Our core precision fermentation technology developed during the CBG program provides the foundation for other product classes

#### Willow's Potential Addressable Markets

Cannabinoids	<b>~\$1.0 billion market</b> Functional ingredients in health & wellness
Supplements	<b>~\$1.5 billion market</b> Provide nutrients either extracted from food sources or that are synthetic
Food Preservatives	<b>~\$0.5 billion market</b> Food processing practices which prevent the growth of microorganisms
Flavor & Fragrance (F&F)	>\$5 billion market Taste and scent compounds used in a wide variety of consumer goods
Carotenoids	<b>~\$3.0 billion market</b> Food coloring and health & wellness potential
	Supplements Food Preservatives Flavor & Fragrance (F&F)







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Expanding Portfolio Into Diversified Markets	<ul> <li>Two external partners and functional ingredients grow Willow's portfolio</li> <li>Astaxanthin added to portfolio, a high value functional ingredient with a large addressable market</li> <li>Continue to access significant new markets (food &amp; beverage, health &amp; wellness) with near-term commercialization potential</li> </ul>
Manufacturing Sustainably At Ever Larger Scale To Meet Demand	<ul> <li>Second, larger-scale, CDMO to manufacturing network</li> <li>10,000s L commercial production to commence in H1 2023</li> <li>Fully integrated process (strain, fermentation, purification) expected to result in higher yields, shorter campaign times, and lower costs</li> </ul>
Delivering Growing Revenue Across Expanding Customer Base	<ul> <li>Extend range of revenue-generating partners</li> <li>Revenue generated from research fees and milestone payments</li> <li>Revenue at commercialization captured by license agreements or product supply</li> <li>IP retained by Willow to further build utility of FutureGrown<sup>™</sup> platform across other end-market applications</li> </ul>

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