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| **EDUCATION** | | | |
| **INSEAD** | **France** | | |
| **MBA Class of December 2021** | **2021** | | |
| * Member of Africa Business Club, Private Equity and Venture Capital (PEVC) Club | | | |
| * Insead Sam Akiwumi Scholarship Recipient | | | |
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| **Cranfield School of Management** | | **Cranfield, United Kingdom** | |
| **Msc Finance & Management** | | **2013 - 2014** | |
| * Active in Africa Club, Member of the Football Team | | |
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| **Bells University of Technology** | | **Ota, Nigeria** | |
| **B.Tech Information Technology** | | **2005 - 2010** | |
| * Graduated with 1st Class Honours in Information Technology. * Awarded University Scholar (Partial Tuition Scholarship) 2006. * Awarded departmental prize for best graduating student and Olusegun Obasanjo leadership prize for exhibiting leadership qualities. | | |
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| **EXPERIENCE** | | | |
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| **Norfund West Africa** | | **Accra, Ghana** | |
| *Norwegian Investment Fund for Developing Countries with US$ c. 3 billion assets under management focused on making investments to drive economic development in emerging markets. Focus sectors include: Financial Institutions, Clean Energy, Food & Agribusiness, Manufacturing, Green Infrastructure and Private Equity Funds.* | | | |
| **Investment Manager/Senior Associate – Scalable Enterprises (Food/Agribusiness & Manufacturing) and Clean Energy** | | **2018 - 2021** | |
| * Led the acquisition of a minority stake in a local integrated food services company with a QSR chain of 36 outlets in Nigeria. | | |
| * Supported the acquisition of a majority stake in a distributed utility company that provides energy solutions to small-scale businesses in Nigeria. * Evaluated c. 120 opportunities in West Africa across Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone. | | |
| * Supported the funds team in conducting due diligence on 3 pan-African funds. Successfully deployed c. USD 100 million across the 3 funds. * Represented Norfund on the Limited Partners Advisory Committee (LPAC) of Oasis Venture Capital Fund, a VC fund focused on investments in Ghana and Ivory Coast. | | |
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| **Synergy Capital Managers (Synergy Private Equity Fund)** | | **Lagos, Nigeria** | |
| *Leading private equity fund manager with over US$300 million under management targeting high-growth SMEs across West Africa* | | | |
| **Associate/Analyst** | | **2014 – 2018** | |
| * Supported the acquisition of a majority stake in a provider of captive and embedded power solutions to wholesale consumers such as public utilities, hospitals, hotels and residential estates (achieved partial exit in 2018). | | |
| * Supported a portfolio company in debt raise of USD 30 million from local pension funds through corporate bond issue. | | |
| * Supported the acquisition of 50% stake in an E-services company with a focus on E-commerce, E-payment and E-infrastructure. | | |
| * Supported the acquisition of a minority stake in a triple-play services provider focused on delivering fibre-based telephone, video / TV and internet solutions. | | |
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| **Bells University of Technology** | | **Ota, Nigeria** | |
| *The first private university of technology in Nigeria established in 2004* | | | |
| **Graduate Assistant (Department of Information Technology)** | | **2012 - 2013** | |
| * Developed and presented to Senate, a new curriculum for proposed courses in the department. | | |
| * Co-supervised 8 final year student projects with senior faculty member (6 had A grades). | | |
| * Voted Lecturer of the year 2013. | | |
| * Developed and presented a new curriculum for proposed courses in the department to the University Senate. | | |
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| **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** | | | |
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| **Interests:** Running, Music, Football | | | |
| **Nationality/Work authorisation(s):** Nigerian | | | |
| **Languages:** Yoruba (Native), English (Fluent)  **Computer Languages:** Python, SQL, R | | | |
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