### Leon Chike Nwankwo, MBA

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#### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Proven product leader with 10+ years of experience steering engineering and product design teams. Proficient at implementing Agile methodologies and developing strategic roadmaps. Recognized for fostering collaboration, managing parallel projects, and driving innovation and continuous improvement. Experienced in liaising with leadership to align product development with business strategy. Equipped with a strong technical background, business acumen, and a proven track record driving product excellence.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

## Manager, Engineering and Product 06/2022 – Present

REBUILDEE, INC

- Orchestrated new product development by pioneering the visionary roadmap and leading an exceptional team of engineers and product designers to create a crowdfunding and disaster logistics platform. We outpaced our expectations, releasing ahead of schedule and \$300,000 below budget (12% savings).
- Spearheaded the transition to a microservices architecture in response to robust platform growth, accommodating a surge of 5x user growth and 17x API usage growth within the span of 9-months.
- **Designed and launched** a pivotal financial monitoring dashboard, seamlessly merging key KPIs, platform engineering objectives, and user engagement metrics. This innovation strengthened ties between finance and engineering, revealing transformative insights.
- Leading projects with meticulous precision, from budgeting to risk mitigation, I consistently engage stakeholders at all levels with forward-thinking solutions that exceed user expectations.
- Led the acquisition of our core inventory and payments API, recognizing its invaluable potential. From the intricate details of technical due diligence to crafting an integration framework within RapidSOS, our new parent company, I ensured a seamless transition.

# Manager, Management Consulting, Formerly Senior Consultant 06/2016 - 06/2022

DELOITTE, LLC

- Championed the execution of over 25 technology engagements, managing budgets up to \$5M and demonstrating a 95% project on-time rate, ensuring every project harmonized with the organization's grand vision.
- Pioneered process transformation by implementing a process robotics automation application, automating the analysis and archiving of over 200 million documents, resulting in a 90% decrease in processing time and saving 95,000 work hours annually.
- Directed the expansion of our practice, scaling from 11 to over 60 team members over two years. This significant growth was in response to the exceptional value we continuously delivered, driving us to further our reach within our client's business.
- Coordinated multidisciplinary teams of up to 60 members, including software engineers, designers, and product managers, aligning resources with product objectives. Championed user-centric design and development, prioritized feature roadmaps, and streamlined cross-functional communication, resulting in continuous product enhancements and innovation.
- Sustained a high-performance culture through strategic team selection and mentorship, emphasizing open dialogue, psychological
  safety, and detailed root-cause-analysis. This approach revitalized product development, strengthened inter-team dynamics, and
  deepened client engagement, driving faster innovation and efficient, balanced problem-solving.

## MBA, Consultant Global Business Development 01/2022 - 06/2022

CAMST GROUP

- Developed growth strategies for a €25M smart vending initiative, utilizing data analytics to uncover KPIs and expansion opportunities. Collaborated with technology and finance teams to align capital requirements and financial forecasts with long-term innovation and sustainable growth goals.
- Collaborated with the marketing team to craft detailed customer personas, enhancing our understanding of the market and facilitating in-depth analysis of diverse segments.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

## PRODUCT MANAGER 09/2015 - 06/2016

**Advisory Roles** 

CAPITAL ONE INNOVATION LABS, LLC

- **Developed and implemented a risk-tolerance algorithm** using data analytics and statistical modeling, enabling tailored investment strategies for Capital One's financial advisors.
- Improved the digital banking experience; integrated the risk-tolerance simulation to empower financial advisors to build deeper client relationships and understanding. This alignment with individual financial objectives increased client retention, a 65% rise in monthly client portfolio touch points, and elevated Net Promoter Score (NPS) that echoed our clients' enhanced satisfaction.

CoFounder, Operations Kivvik, Inc 02/2013 – 09/2015

- Developed a communication platform for financial advisors and clients, by integrating clients' life updates, risk profiles, and
  portfolio performance, the platform transformed how advisors engage with clients, improving responsiveness and driving a more
  customized investment experience.
- Led collaborative cross-functional teams as co-founder to align product development with strategic goals, fostering innovation and
  open communication. Implemented operational initiatives and formed strategic partnerships to meet industry demands and to optimize
  for product-market fit.

### **EDUCATION**

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, McDonough School Of Business - Master of Business Administration, STEM concentration University Of Maryland College Park, Robert H. Smith School - Bachelor of Science - Finance, Accounting, Rhetoric

#### SKILLS

Technical	Javascript/Typescript, Python, ReactJS, NextJS, ExpressJS, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, AWS, Google Cloud, Git
Product Management	Software: Figma, BigQuery, Jira, Data Studio, Metabase, LogRocket Analytical: Strategic planning, UX design, agile & scrum, financial analysis, market & competitive analysis, product lifecycle management
Leadership & Communication	Team Management, cross-functional collaboration, stakeholder communication, strategic planning
Risk & Compliance	Strategic risk analysis, pricing risk, financial sensitivity analysis, financial regulatory compliance
	Volunteer Work
Leadership /	Wangari Mathenge Studios (Technical Advisor), Startup Shell (Mentor), Dingman Center (Mentor),

Georgetown Entrepreneurship (Advisor)