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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE – Strategic Finance Leader

Strategic Finance & FP&A Leader | Decision Intelligence | Capital Allocation & Risk Optimisation | Enterprise & Growth Organisations

Trusted strategic advisor to CFOs and Boards, driving **multi-entity, multi-currency capital allocation**, portfolio optimisation, and enterprise-wide risk oversight to maximise shareholder value.

Architect of **high-impact, finance-driven decision engines** leveraging ERP automation, Power BI, Python, and AI-enabled predictive analytics to accelerate strategic decision-making and ROI.

Leads cross-border finance and analytics teams across Africa, Europe, and North America, delivering **real-time executive insights, predictive dashboards**, and actionable investment guidance.

Career Impact Highlights:

- 30% faster month-end close across 7+ subsidiaries via ERP automation
- 20% improvement in forecast accuracy guiding \$150M+ portfolio investment decisions
- 12% cost savings & enhanced operational ROI across 50+ employees through finance process automation
- 25% projected revenue growth via actionable FP&A insights, pricing optimisation, and market expansion
- 15% reduction in portfolio risk exposure and improved cash flow predictability across 100+ investment accounts
- Standardised global financial data architecture, consolidated reporting, and multi-currency management for investment-grade reporting

CORE SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

Financial Planning & Strategy: FP&A | Corporate Finance | Treasury Management | Capital Allocation | Investment Strategy | Portfolio Management | Budgeting & Forecasting | Scenario Planning | Cost Optimisation | Growth & M&A Advisory

Risk, Investment & Governance: Credit & Counterparty Analysis | Investment Due Diligence | Valuation (DCF, WACC) | Portfolio Risk Oversight | IFRS & JSE Reporting | Internal Controls | Financial Governance | Basel III & Liquidity Risk | ESG Integration

Technical & Analytics Tools: Power BI (DAX, Power Query, Visualization, Reporting) | Advanced Excel (Financial Modelling, Macros, Valuation) | Python (Pandas, NumPy, Predictive Analytics) | ERP Systems (SAP, Oracle, Adams, Sage, QuickBooks, Xero) | KPI & Finance Process Automation | Decision Intelligence Tools

Leadership & Business Capabilities: Executive Stakeholder Engagement | Strategic Decision Support | Change Management | Cross-Functional Leadership | Mentoring & Team Development | Process Optimisation | Sustainable Finance & ESG Awareness

CAREER EXPERIENCE

Financial Reporting Manager – Havas Group | Feb 2024 – Jun 2025

Reported to CFO; accountable for FP&A, capital allocation, corporate finance advisory, investment strategy, and multi-entity financial reporting across African operations.

- Led \$150M+ multi-currency portfolio planning, budgeting, forecasting, variance analysis, and investment evaluation (USD, GBP, EUR, NGN)

- Implemented ERP transformation & automation, achieving 30% faster month-end close and 12% cost savings
- Developed predictive FP&A dashboards (Python/Power BI), reducing manual reporting 30% and improving decision-making accuracy 20%
- Delivered insights enabling 25% projected revenue growth and optimised capital allocation

Finance & Business Strategy Manager (Contract) – J Segel and Associates Inc | Apr 2017 – Jan 2024

Delivered corporate finance advisory, FP&A insights, and strategic business planning for SMEs and high-growth clients.

- Conducted investment due diligence, credit risk assessments, and portfolio oversight
- Implemented finance transformation initiatives leveraging ERP, AI, and automation for investment-grade reporting
- Applied scenario modelling and ROI-focused strategies to optimise investment and business growth outcomes
- Delivered FP&A dashboards and visualizations enabling data-driven capital allocation decisions

Finance & Advisory Leadership (FASSET) – DK Motiram & Company | Mar 2014 – Mar 2017

Provided strategic financial advisory, FP&A, and corporate finance support including M&A and cross-border investment analysis.

- Improved budgeting, forecasting, and variance analysis for client portfolios with focus on investment impact
- Supported investment strategy, portfolio management, and risk mitigation
- Advised clients on capital allocation using scenario planning and financial modelling

Finance & Controls Training – Mahdi Meyer Steyn | 2013 – 2014

Developed expertise in FP&A, treasury, financial governance, and investment risk management processes

Trainee Accountant (SAICA) – Waterman's Services | 2007 – 2012

Gained foundational experience in corporate finance, FP&A, treasury management, and investment reporting

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- BCompt Accounting Science, University of South Africa | Oct 2023 (NQF 7)
- Postgraduate Diploma, Professional Accountant in Practice, SAIPA/FASSET | 2016 (NQF 8)
- Certificate, Financial Modelling & Valuation, Corporate Finance Institute (CFI) | Expected 2026
- AI-Powered Data Insights Internship, Excelerate | Jul – Aug 2025 (Python, Power BI, predictive analytics)
- Virtual Finance & Corporate Projects, Forage | Nov – Dec 2025 (Investment simulation, valuation, scenario analysis)
- International Diploma, Computer Studies, University of Pretoria | 2003

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Advanced Financial Modelling, CFI | 2024
- Power BI & Financial Modelling Webinars, Havas University | 2023
- Applied scenario analysis, predictive analytics, valuation, and risk assessment across cross-border portfolios

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent) References available upon request