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EDUCATION

Babcock University <i>Master of Science, Economics</i>	Ogun State, Nigeria August 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CGPA: 4.51 / 5.00• Relevant Coursework: Monetary economics, Applied econometrics, Public finance, Statistics, Research• Honours & Awards: Distinction	
Ambrose Alli University <i>Bachelor of Science, Economics</i>	Edo State, Nigeria April 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CGPA: 4.37 / 5.00• Relevant Coursework: Money & Banking, Econometrics, Accounting, Marketing, Management• Honours & Awards: Second class Hons. Upper division	
Winners Educational Centre <i>West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)</i>	Edo State, Nigeria June 2007
The Truth Nursery and Primary School <i>First School Leaving Certificate</i>	Edo State, Nigeria June 2001

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Best graduating student in economics department, M.Sc. Babcock University, 2020.
- Second best graduating student in economics department, Ambrose Alli University, 2014.

CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

Dataleum <i>Data Analytics with PowerBi.</i>	Lagos, Nigeria March 2021
Dataleum <i>Data Analytics with Microsoft Excel</i>	Lagos, Nigeria March 2021
Corporate Finance Institute (CFI) <i>Excel Crash Course – Spreadsheet, Formulas for Finance</i>	Vancouver, Canada March 2021
Stratis Advisory LLC <i>Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing Terrorism Training</i>	San Francisco, USA December 2020
dbrown Consulting <i>Excel Essentials for Reporting</i>	Lagos State, Nigeria September 2020
International Business Management Institute (IBMI) <i>Financial Performance</i>	Berlin, Germany April 2020
International Business Management Institute (IBMI) <i>Investment Fundamentals</i>	Berlin, Germany April 2020
Young African Leaders Initiative Network (YALI) <i>Management Strategies for People and Resources</i>	YALI Network (online) November 2016

Cornerstone Insurance Plc.
Leadership and Influence

Lagos State, Nigeria
October 2016

Cornerstone Insurance Plc.
Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financial Terrorism

Lagos State, Nigeria
September, 2016

Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered)
Proficiency Certificate in Management

Lagos State, Nigeria
September 2015

PUBLICATION

- Awolaja, G. O., & Esefo, I. O. (2020). Budget deficit and Economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: A PMG Approach. *Asian Journal of Economics, Business and Accounting*, 13(3), 1-10.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) in-view
- Member Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered) December 2015

WORK EXPERIENCE

Flutterwave Technology Solutions Limited
Corporate Finance Associate

Lagos State, Nigeria
June 2019 – To date

Treasury Management

- Prepare daily cash balance report for all company's accounts to determine financial position, expense payment and merchant settlement.
- Ensure availability of appropriate and necessary funding and oversee treasury operations and control.
- Assist management in making accurate and financial decisions by evaluating all investment options to access return and risk on investment and prepare interest income reports on investments.
- Establish appropriate bank accounts according to business needs and maintain good relationships with banks relationship managers.
- Maintain an organized and accurate database showing the various asset classes and values for the Treasury portfolio, along with their respective weights and maturity profiles.
- Deliver monthly and quarterly treasury report to management showing assets, income, Treasury activities, strategic plans, cashflow movements in a manner that is timely and concise to allow for strategic and operational planning.
- Provide working capital funds for settlement operations and expansion needs.
- Engage in timely reconciliation of bank accounts and timely cashflow projection analysis.
- Review postings done on QuickBooks by the team to ensure accuracy as it relates to cash & bank.

Revenue Assurance

- Extract, clean, validate, and store consistent data.
- Maintain and update commercial dashboards including monitoring performance.
- Consult with other departments to ensure accurate reporting & support decision making.
- Ensure analysis of reconciliation from source, through to billing and ensuring all revenue are received and recorded in a timely, complete, and accurate manner.
- Prepare daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly revenue and product performance reports, metrics and update and strengthen revenue reporting to ensure a high confidence revenue forecast.
- Review postings done on QuickBooks by the team to ensure accuracy.

Cost Assurance

- Review bank charges cost to Identify trends and discrepancies and prepare reports for management's use.
- Review cost schedules to determine the cost of service for the period.
- Perform quarterly cost forecast to identify savings opportunities and cost control.
- Review settlement bank balances to ensure accuracy before posting.

- Review postings done on QuickBooks by the team to ensure accuracy.

Invoicing & Billing

- Prepare invoices for merchants as advised by the relationship managers in growth.
- Prepare monthly VAT schedules for remittance and tax filing purpose.
- Prepare weekly and monthly reports on revenue earned and cash received.
- Ensure accurate billing of merchants and handle billing problems and disputes.
- Perform necessary follow-ups on invoice status and reconciliation.
- Revenue analysis per business channel and entity.

Achievements

- I was part of the team that worked on the \$170m series C fundraiser for the organization, making us a unicorn.
- Built a dashboard to monitor revenue and cashflow of the company's product, changes in revenue, currency, total processed value, and volume, as well as the top merchants.
- I was part of the team that led the ERP implementation for the company.
- Ensured Tax and regulatory compliance in operational countries.
- Increased investment growth by 87 per cent and the company's emergency nest egg and negotiated favourable investment rates to increase interest income.

Fosad Consulting Limited

Finance Analyst, Finance Operations

Lagos State, Nigeria

March 2016 – Aug. 2018

- Prepared daily, weekly, and monthly consolidated expense report for management to determine each unit's expense and profitability which helped in strategic planning activities.
- Maintained a secured, efficient, and accurate filing system (electronic and hard copies) to ensure safe storage and easy retrieval of data.
- Posted payment voucher invoices into appropriate ledger account; processed entries and reconciled posted transactions to ensure accurate postings.
- Prepared daily cash flow reports and reconciled revenue received on daily basis for management's decision.
- Conducted budgetary control and analysis of business unit channels and performed financial analysis on various transactions in the books for management's decision.

Achievements

- Introduced a secured and efficient filing system to ensure safe storage of payment vouchers thereby reducing missing vouchers by over 90 per cent.
- Timely completion of expense and cash flow analysis.

Risk Control Services Nigeria Limited

Verification Analyst, Background checks

Lagos State, Nigeria

Aug. 2014 – February 2016

- Conducted comprehensive background checks on employees to trace educational and professional history in order to confirm integrity, capability, and suitability for employment purposes.
- Assisted a diverse client base in screening potential candidates and determining the highest quality applicant for their organization.
- Ensured the highest productivity and quality while completing reference checks and client's files.
- Ensured reports were collated and posted in the company's application and reconciled transactions on the portal.

Jolyn Farms Limited

Finance Officer

Lagos State, Nigeria

May 2013 – June 2014

- Updated farm records on all products and ensured all transactions were captured in the books.
- Verified transactions for payment and ensured prompt payment of all verified invoices.
- Planned and set up a budget limit for various farm activities and maintained the farm activities in agreement with the budgeted parameters.
- Prepared weekly and monthly consolidated financial report on farm produce, sales and expenses for management and ensured timely closure of the books.

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

TimCorps

Youth Lead

Lagos State, Nigeria.

May 2019 – Sept. 2019

- Led a team of 18 young people to reach out to less privileged people in Jakande community to empower them and train them with relevant skills so they can become useful to themselves and society.

Babcock University

MSc. Economics class representative

Ogun State, Nigeria

Sept. 2018 – Feb. 2020

- Functioned as a prime official channel of communication between lecturers and students and took the responsibility of helping course mates with registration and other concerns related to academics.

Foursquare Gospel Church, VGC.

Youth president

Lagos State, Nigeria

August 2018 – Present

- Develop and implement a strategic approach to youth ministry, in the areas of leadership, team building, discipleship, missions and outreaches, while serving as a mentor and role model to young adults.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Skills: Excellent Numerical and analytical skills; Good team player; Ability to work under pressure; Financial and time management; Excellent written and verbal communication skills; Month-end closure.

Interests: Reading Christian literature and biographies, playing ping pong, listening to music, and hanging out with loved ones.

Soft Skills: E-views10, Stata14, QuickBooks, Gibbs, Premia10, Microsoft word, excel and PowerPoint.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: July 28th, 1991

Marital Status: Single

Sex: Male

REFERENCES

- Available upon request