

# RIDWAN ABDULSALAM (B.Sc. ACA)

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**DANGOTE CEMENT PLC, Head office – (sub-Saharan Africa’s leading cement company)**

**Lagos, Nigeria**

**Position: Analyst, Corporate Finance & Investor Relations**

**Oct. 2020 – Present**

- Produce daily Investor Relations reports and analyze industry competition to monitor and compare stock price trends, constituting 35% of information supporting corporate finance strategic decision-making.
- Conduct financial analysis to support capital restructuring and allocation decisions, resulting in the selection of optimum financing arrangements.
- Produce investment roadshows' reports to support capital raising and conduct a cost-benefit analysis on the recently issued series one unsecured fixed bond under the company's \$US732.6million debt issuance programme.
- Develop realistic financial model and valuation, achieving 65-70% accuracy in financial projection.
- Produce analytical reports for inclusion in the 2020 annual report, constituting 15% of the annual report.
- Prepare presentations on benefits of accessing the international capital market, resulting in a 22% increase in management's understanding of the foreign capital market opportunities
- Interact with Dangote Cement’s equity research analysts to capture their estimates and take analysts’ consensus estimates to ensure a fair valuation for Dangote Cement’s stock.

## OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION

**Abuja, Nigeria**

*World Bank Economic Recovery and Governance Project (ERGP)*

*Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) - [About GIFMIS](#)*

**Position: Public Financial Management Reform Consultant; GIFMIS Support**

**Aug.2019 – Oct.2020**

- Collaborated with a team of professionals to digitalize the entire public financial management system in Nigeria using the [GIFMIS](#) application, resulting in an 80% increase in the central control and monitoring of public resources in Nigeria.
- Managed the payroll of (30) government agencies and analyzed to identify some public workers unduly receiving salaries from multiple government organizations, achieving \$US61Million cost saving for the Nigerian government in 2020.
- Collaborated with experts to develop and review the federal government's [open-treasury website](#) contents, resulting in a 45% increase in transparency and public trust in governance.
- Trained over 500 finance and account staff (including Directors) across various government agencies to implement several modules of [GIFMIS](#), achieving 85% seamless implementation of GIFMIS in these agencies.

## KWARA STATE UNIVERSITY (K WASU), NIGERIA

**Kwara, Nigeria**

**Position: Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)**

**Jul. 2018 – Aug. 2019**

- Lectured and graded lower-level courses | Developed teaching materials
- Assisted in academic research | Offered quality academic mentorship to undergraduate students.
- 40% of students attained above 70% score in the courses I taught - (Introduction to Finance & Statistics)

## HARMONY HOLDINGS GROUP - (Houses and manages 75% of Kwara state government assets)

**Kwara, Nigeria**

**Position: Intern, Finance & Accounts**

**Jun. 2017 – Jan. 2018**

- Conducted bank reconciliation exercises and collaborated with finance staff to prepare and analyze the company’s financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).
- My contribution increased the finance department’s work efficiency by 35%

## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

### KWARA STATE UNIVERSITY (KWASU), NIGERIA

*B.Sc. Accounting – First Class Honors (GPA: 3.65/4.0)*

*Kwara, Nigeria*

*Issued date – Jun. 2018*

- Best Graduating Student, Department of Accounting and Finance
- Best Graduating Student, School of Business and Governance
- Student Volunteer – Office Assistant, Academic Division of the Registry
- Led a team of (10) undergraduate colleagues to deliver a community development project, providing essential agricultural inputs to a needy rural community in Kwara state.

### INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF NIGERIA (ICAN) – Associate Member

*Issued date – May 2021*

- Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria Diamond Scholarship Award
- High scores: Advanced Audit and Assurance 80%; Management, Governance & Ethics 75%

### ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA, UK) – Candidate (5059609)

*May 2021 - Present*

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & OTHER HONORS

- Volunteer, Independent National Electoral Commission, Nigeria – Ad-hoc electoral officer, 2019 general elections.
- Project Director, Nigerian Universities Accounting Students' Association – Coordinated various associations' projects and events. I achieved a cost savings of \$US2,300 in executing these projects.
- Senior Prefect – Socrates High School, Nigeria. Coordinated the activities of (15) other prefects and offered academic mentorship to all junior students.
- Sensitized (300) high school students on the need for quality education to promote a pillar of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.
- Socrates College High School, Nigeria – Best Graduating Student, Department of Commerce and Business.

## SKILLS, INTEREST & HOBBIES

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office suite, powerBi inclusive | SAP (s4 Hanna version) | Financial Management Information Systems |
- Entrepreneurial acumen – I have a registered business name with the Corporate Affairs Commission in Nigeria.
- Career Interests – Investment Banking | Corporate Finance | Investor Relations |
- Hobbies – Table-tennis | Computer games |