

PROFILE SUMMARY & CAREER OBJECTIVES

I am a self-motivated, energetic, highly numerate, analytical, and results-driven professional who actively works to make economics relevant and enjoys being able to find innovative ways to solve problems. My experience as an economist cut across the fiscal, public sector, international economics, and monetary economics. I have practical experience in emerging economies & market research, macroeconomic outlook & analytics, and econometric modeling & forecasting. These experiences have equipped me with the ability to integrate economic theories with real-life scenarios.

My macro expertise extends across EM asset classes (equities, fixed income, commodities, and FX), and I am particularly passionate about the African Renaissance and the traditional & disruptive forces that can shape the African economy. Hence, for over four years I have produced insights, information, and recommendations to investors around the world covering African equities, fixed income, and FX. I am passionate about helping people understand the global megatrends changing Africa's investment climate. My goal is to help investors see how these trends could affect them and how they can respond to minimize idiosyncratic risks.

I keep abreast with international security issues, geopolitical developments, global economics, and financial markets to map their implications to investment strategies for coverage markets. I am also a spokesperson for my organizations with extensive media experience including broadcast, print, online and social media. Regular written publication and macroeconomic modeling & forecasting form the core part of my duties as an economist, as well as providing commentary on local and international business television.

I am a self-starter that enjoys the challenge of working independently, but within a team environment that has a culture of intellectual change. On the downlow, I am passionate about human capital development and from time to time commit to teaching economics to senior secondary school students. I also derive joy in helping people find jobs that match their skill set.

COMPETENCIES

- An empirical research mindset and a focus on delivering practical results.
- Exceptional problem-solving skills and a high degree of intellectual curiosity.
- Excellent communication (verbal & written) and presentation skills gained through publishing economic research and presenting to retail and institutional clients.
- Excellent analytical & critical thinking skills.
- Excellent proficiency with Microsoft office suite (i.e., Word, Excel, Power point, and Outlook).
- Excellent data visualization skills using Microsoft excel, power BI and tableau.
- Intermediate technical expertise in econometric modelling and forecasting.
- Good understanding of financial, public sector and international economics.
- Application of economic theories, economic concepts, and model-based arguments to economic and policy appraisal.
- Excellent collaboration and interpersonal skills, evident in my ability to discharge duties as an individual, and in a team.
- Strong attention to detail and the flexibility to adapt to changing priorities.

WORK EXPERIENCE**IC Asset Managers / Economist & Market Strategist / June 2021 – Present**

- Expand the firm's macro coverage of Africa with focus on Nigeria, Egypt, South Africa, Morocco, Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Angola.
- Combine econometrics and data science to research and build forward looking indicators that enable me to contribute to in-house quantitative trading and investment strategies.

- Analyze global and EM (SSA) macroeconomic and financial market conditions, using fundamental and/or quantitative approach(s) to help develop asset allocation views and investment ideas, as well as assisting in the overall asset allocation and portfolio management process.
- Turn quantitative analyses into practical recommendations by recommending investment strategies in major asset classes for institutional investors, economic cycle positioning, and building high-conviction views based on numerous proprietary indicators.
- Contribute to inputs into multi-asset investment committees, tactical asset allocations views, research publications and internal communications to Sales.
- Support the firm's marketing efforts by communicate the in-house macroeconomic outlook & investment ideas to the firm's diverse customer base i.e., retail, and institutional clients, both local and foreign, via meetings, publications, and conferences.
- Speaker at investment forums and internal events for financial institutions. Several of my analyses were quoted in financial news from institutions like Bloomberg and CNBC.

Vetiva Capital Management Limited / *Chief Economist / January 2020 – May 2021*

- Monitor macroeconomic (using CapitalIQ), microeconomic, and policy developments in the SSA region (specifically for Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Kenya, and Angola) and how they affect investment decisions and pricing of investment instruments.
- Research and develop time-series forecasting models to predict various economic variables such as inflation, interest rate, GDP growth rate, etc. and formulate economically driven market outlooks.
- Conduct model performance tracking review, including in-sample, out-the-sample, and impact analysis.
- Develop stress scenarios, scenario forecasts to be used during Vetiva's strategy sessions and by client-facing units when advising clients during client calls.
- Compile, update and analyze regular releases of economic data in the SSA region, in the context of institutional investment.
- Prepare macroeconomic decks and make presentations on regional and national economic and policy conditions.
- Analyze large and diverse economic datasets, using Microsoft Excel, E-views, R, Stata, GAMS, MATLAB, and SPSS, to derive trends, patterns, and policy consequences.
- Authored 46 reports, including 16 monthly (Inflation), 8 bi-monthly (MPC), 18 quarterly (GDP, Foreign trade, FX & SSA Outlook reports), the half-year macroeconomic outlook report for 2020 and full year outlook report for 2021.
- In collaboration with external partners, organized and participated in a 2021 economic outlook webinar for Africa, themed "Positioning for a post-COVID recovery".
- Interact with business partners in Vetiva by providing subject matter macroeconomic guidance, relevant analysis, and data preparation.
- Design and deliver economic research projects to support Vetiva's business units including sales, securities trading, investment banking, strategy, and asset management.
- Collaborate with the asset management team by providing macroeconomic condition insights and forecasts, to enable the team to make refinements to the portfolio construction and asset allocation process.
- Perform ad-hoc research and analysis for Vetiva's executives to be used in internal and external presentations and speeches.
- Managed one junior economist on his daily responsibilities and helped him to gain comprehensive understanding of various research and forecast techniques, analytic standards, and research report writing.
- Introduced, and regularly contribute to, the economic research blog titled "Vetiva Research Insights", whose traffic has been building gradually.
- Regular commentator on current SSA economic and financial market conditions on CNBC, Channels, BBC Africa, and Lagos talks radio with over 40 appearances.

CSL Stockbrokers Limited / *Economist / November 2018 – December 2019*

- Monitored regional, national, and international events to identify emerging opportunities for fixed income investment.

- Researched new investment ideas by liaising with the treasury team to identify investment opportunities in the fixed income market.
- Built an extensive library of economic charts (using Bloomberg terminal) for use in presentations and reports, that allowed me to present more insightful and useful information to clients.
- Analyzed economic releases, summarized their impact and outlook and published reports which guided readers in making better business/investment decisions.
- Applied quantitative analysis, including econometric modeling with R and E-views, to assess economic variables.
- Provided analytic and substantive insights on country and regional financial and macroeconomic matters, to meet the information needs of CSL's local and international clients.
- Regularly visited and presented to client base nationally and internationally on market conditions, policy environment, and portfolio impact.
- Developed and maintained relationships with cutting edge researchers (local and foreign) in both the academia and professional community, to understand developments in the SSA fixed income markets (specifically for Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, and Zambia).
- Conducted ad-hoc research and analysis, for the Chief Economist, on trends in SSA financial markets and on changes in their regulatory environments.
- Authored over 200 news releases, including 26 monthly (Inflation and PMI), 6 bi-monthly (MPC), and 4 quarterly (GDP) news releases.
- Authored 2 outlook reports (FY'19 and H2'19) for the Nigerian economy, incorporating expectation for economic growth, inflation, exchange rate, fiscal and monetary policy.
- Co-authored, with the Chief Economist, CSL's debut SSA macroeconomic and fixed income outlook report.

Lotus Capital Limited / *Senior Analyst* / April 2018 - November 2018

- Develop detailed equity valuation models that are industry/company specific.
- Track macroeconomic developments (using Reuters terminal) and prepare periodic presentations on the economic outlook.
- Conducting research on selected industries, identifying key players, recent developments, regulation, risks, and opportunity.
- Track the equities market to identify bargain opportunities based on fundamental and technical analysis.

Investat Capital Management Limited / *Analyst 1* / May 2017 – March 2018

First Bank Nigeria / *Banking Assistant* / February 2014 – December 2015

Jetlink Limited / *Administrative Executive* / March 2013 – January 2014

Livingspring College / *NYSC (Administrative Support & Teacher)* / April 2012 – January 2013

PRO-BONO EXPERIENCE

Manufacturing & Mining Policy Commission (MMPC) of the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG) / Member / 2020

EDUCATION

University of Lagos, 2016 / *M. Sc. Economics*

Nigerian Institute of Management, 2013 / *Graduate*

University of Lagos, 2011 / *B. Sc. Economic / Second Class Honours (Upper Division)*