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Q *What led you to pursue a career in corporate finance?*

A My journey into corporate finance stems from my academic and professional background, though it wasn't my initial plan. Growing up with parents in the medical field, I naturally gravitated towards the medical profession. However, recognising the profession's many challenges and demands, my parents encouraged me to explore other options. So, I decided to pursue a more versatile Bachelor of Commerce degree, majoring in finance and economics at the University of Witwatersrand. As my studies progressed, my interest in finance grew, leading me to complete an honours degree in business finance. I seized an opportunity to join the corporate finance division of a leading bank, specialising in JSE sponsor services for listed equity and debt clients. Since then, I've immersed myself in this specialised niche, gaining invaluable experience and becoming certified as a JSE equity and debt sponsor executive. I am currently a corporate financier at PSG Capital, where I draw ongoing inspiration from the team's wealth of knowledge and experience. There is a certain thrill to working in corporate finance, with each day presenting a fresh challenge and opportunity for growth, and that keeps me engaged in this dynamic and ever-evolving profession.

Q *If you could change one thing on your career path to date, what would it be and why?*

A I wouldn't change anything, to be honest. I have been fortunate to interact with, and learn from, exceptionally knowledgeable and inspirational individuals throughout my career. Each person, along with every experience, has imparted valuable lessons that have shaped

my professional journey and contributed to who I am today. I believe in embracing every opportunity, learning from every setback, and trusting that my path has prepared me for the future I am meant to create.

Q *When things go wrong, what advice would you give about moving on?*

A Firstly, always maintain a positive mindset. This is easier said than done, but it is important to remember that setbacks are temporary and a natural part of any career, with everyone experiencing them at some point or another. Approach setbacks as a learning opportunity and focus on finding solutions, rather than dwelling on what went wrong. Your ability to bounce back is what matters most. Secondly, don't forget to celebrate the small successes along the way. Recognising your achievements, and those of others, helps to rebuild your confidence and keeps you motivated and ready for whatever comes next. The journey is all about growing, learning, and making a meaningful impact.

As Maya Angelou wisely said: "Do your best until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

Q *What attributes do you think are essential for a good M&A executive?*

A Strategic thinking, adaptability, resilience, and self-belief.

Q *What is one thing that makes life easier that you really wouldn't want to do without?*

A The internet, of course.

Q *What do you do to unwind and get away from the stress of work?*

A Bollywood Dancing is my favourite way to unwind. The music and movements instantly lift my mood and help me find balance – it's more than just a hobby; it's my happy place!

I also enjoy indulging in a spa day – there is nothing like a good massage to melt the stress away.

Q *If you could have dinner with any woman in history, who would it be and what would be the first thing you asked her?*

A It would be impossible to choose just one. I would host a dinner party with five extraordinary women who are trailblazers in their respective fields: Indra Nooyi, Michelle Obama, Ellen DeGeneres, Serena Williams and Priyanka Chopra Jonas. These women embody resilience and empowerment, and share a common thread of breaking barriers. One question I would ask them all is, "What was the biggest challenge you faced in your career, and how did you overcome it?"

FUN FACTS

Favourite colour: I love Black - it is elegant, versatile, and never goes out of style.

Favourite restaurant: I enjoy Asian cuisine, so if I had to choose a favourite restaurant, it would be Yu in Cape Town. But when the craving strikes, Nandos is my spicy sanctuary.

Preferred holiday destination: I absolutely love Bali. The temple visits, the breathtaking beaches, the delicious food, the friendly locals, and the most beautiful sunsets – it's paradise!

Three words your colleagues would use to describe you: I asked a few team members for this one. They said conscientious, innovative and dependable. 🙌