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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Results-driven FinTech, InsurTech, and Digital Transformation Executive with over 15 years of high-impact leadership directing enterprise ICT operations, cross-border payments, and multi-country software implementations across Africa. Proven track record executing large-scale mobile money rollouts (including Econet/EcoCash, MTN MoMoPay, and Airtel Rwanda) and steering complex core insurance migrations. Seasoned board-level strategic advisor expert at aligning deep technical delivery with corporate revenue goals.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **FinTech & Digital Payments:** Mobile Money Infrastructure, Interoperability, Prepaid Cards, Payment Gateways, Xip Micropayments.
- **Enterprise ICT Governance:** 5-Year Technology Strategy, Balanced Scorecard, Infrastructure Deployment, Cloud Migrations.
- **Project & Portfolio Delivery:** Enterprise Program Management, Agile/Scrum, Risk Mitigation, Vendor & Regulatory Negotiation.
- **Executive Leadership:** Board-Level Reporting, Cross-Functional Team Mentorship, Multi-Million Dollar Budget Management.

KEY EXECUTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- **InsurTech Transformation (2025 – Present):** Directing the end-to-end Short-Term Insurance System Implementation for Caretol Insurance Brokers (South Africa).
- **MasterCard Integration (2023 – 2024):** Led the full business case development, regulatory compliance roadmapping, and technical architecture design for an enterprise MasterCard Prepaid Card model.
- **Core Systems Overhaul (2018):** Successfully deployed three concurrent enterprise production core systems (Short-Term, Long-Term, and Micro-Loans) alongside a full infrastructure migration to Office 365.
- **International FinTech Rollouts (2014 – 2018):** Pioneered the deployment strategy and live market launches of the Xip Micropayment platform across EcoCash Zimbabwe, Airtel Rwanda, and MTN Eswatini.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal Consultant & ICT Advisor | Widber's (Pty) Ltd | 2022 – Present

- Deliver fractional IT governance, strategic architecture roadmapping, and technical project auditing for enterprise financial clients.
- Evaluate active engineering workflows to implement repeatable delivery frameworks, mitigating launch risks and optimizing operational health.

General Manager – Business Development & ICT | United Holdings | 2019 – 2022

- Spearheaded a comprehensive 5-year corporate ICT strategy encompassing three core insurance architectures, a micro-loans engine, and enterprise-wide cloud migrations.

- Introduced the Balanced Scorecard Model to unify IT delivery metrics with bottom-line executive milestones.
- Accelerated annual corporate sales growth targets by 15% and elevated brand market visibility by 30% through strict synchronization of tech infrastructure and modern marketing loops.

General Manager – Business Analysis & Projects | United Holdings | 2019

- Served as the direct custodian of corporate business analysis frameworks, reporting delivery metrics directly to the Board Committee.
- Standardized project management tools across all concurrent enterprise initiatives, successfully maximizing software ROI while lower implementation risk profiles.

International Projects Manager | Nearex Pte Ltd / MTN Eswatini | 2014 – 2018

- Directed the cross-border integration and market rollout of the Xip micro-payments solution across Zimbabwe, Rwanda, and Eswatini.
- Navigated international telecommunications regulations, managed localized stakeholder relations, and directed merchant/customer onboarding pilot phases.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

- Doctor of Business Administration (DBA Candidate): Cranefield College, South Africa
- Master of Commerce: Project Management: Cranefield College, South Africa
- B.Sc. (Hons) Information Technology: University of Derby, United Kingdom
- Post Graduate Diploma: Project Management: Regent Business School, South Africa
- Bachelor of Business Administration: Azaliah / CACC, Zimbabwe

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