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Finding your purpose and passion

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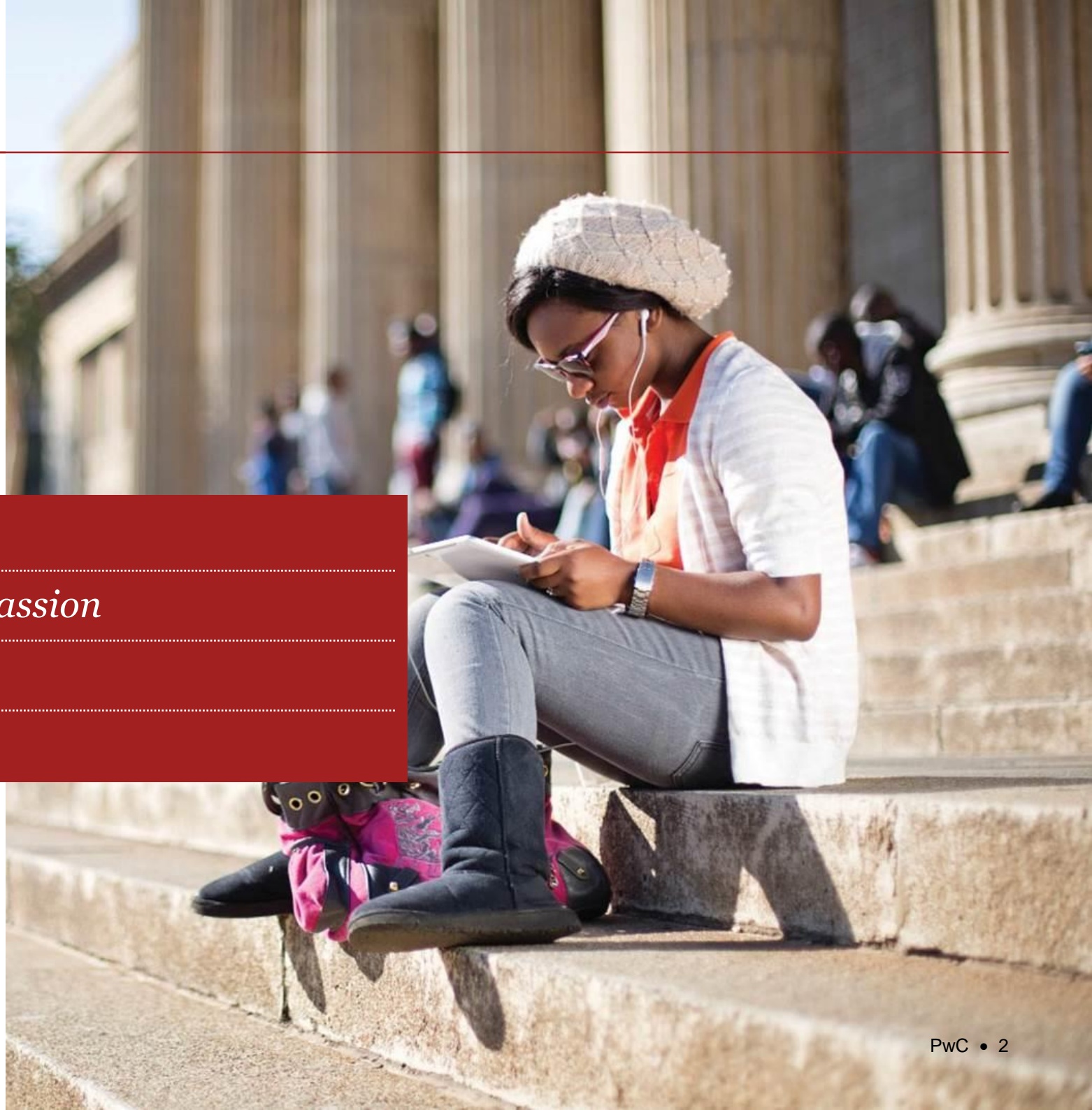
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Who am I?

I am a partner in PwC and the leader of the oil and gas industry group in Africa. I obtained a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Geography and Planning from the University of Lagos in 1990 and an MBA from the University of Warwick (UK). I have over 23 years of accounting and consulting experience. I joined the firm in June 1993. I am a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and a member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria.

I was admitted as a partner in July 2007 and have obtained extensive experience in leading the audits of companies in various sectors of the Nigerian economy.

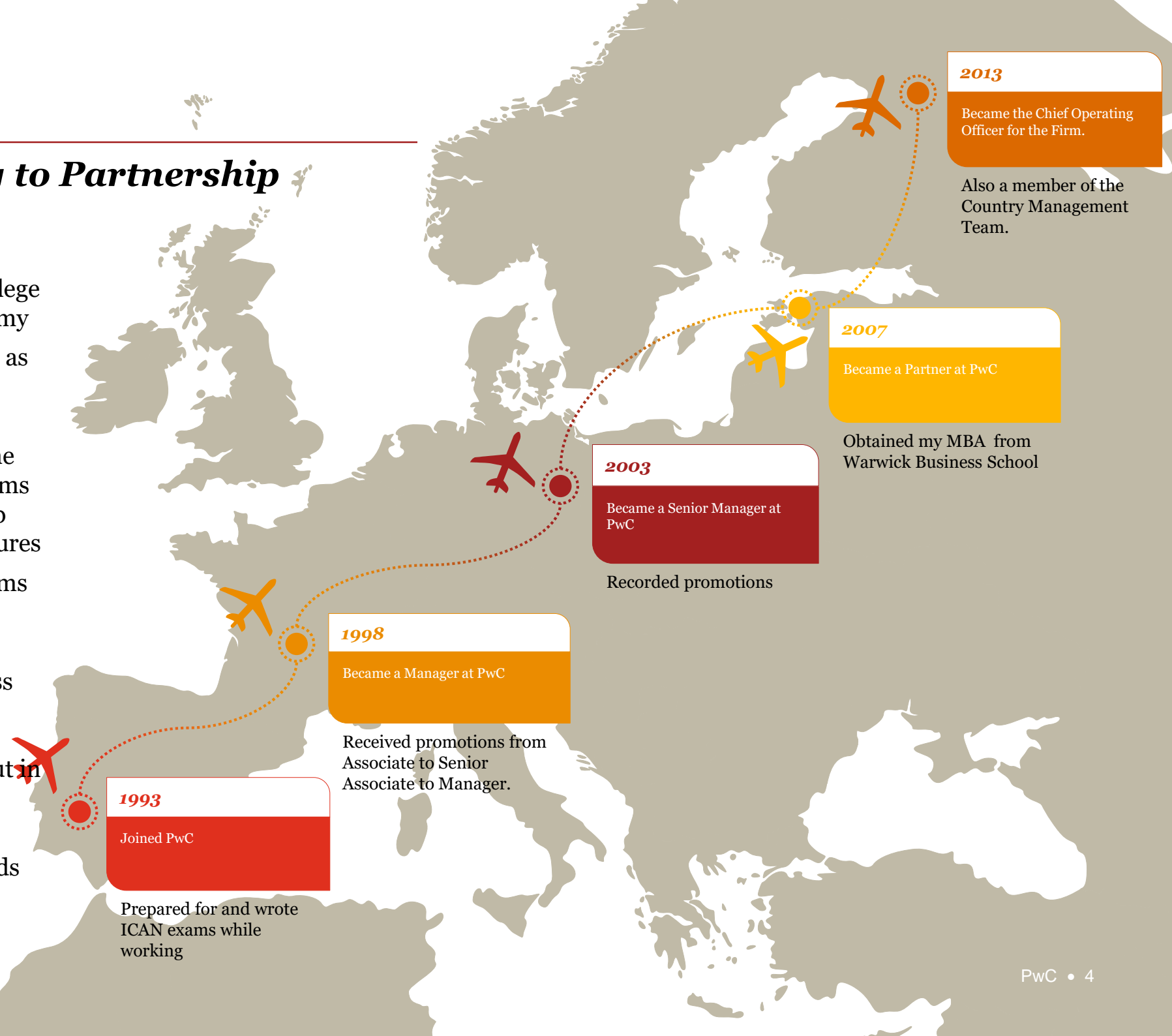
In addition to the industry role, I am also the Country Operations leader for PwC Nigeria.

I am married with children.



My Journey to Partnership

- Attended St. Timothy's college & Baptist Academy
- I joined the firm as a non-business graduate.
- Went through the professional exams while keeping up with work pressures
- Failed some exams but eventually qualified.
- Promotion across grades required focus and willingness to put in the 'extra'.
- Support from family and friends is key



1993
Joined PwC

Prepared for and wrote ICAN exams while working

1998
Became a Manager at PwC

Received promotions from Associate to Senior Associate to Manager.

2003
Became a Senior Manager at PwC

Recorded promotions

2007
Became a Partner at PwC

Obtained my MBA from Warwick Business School

2013
Became the Chief Operating Officer for the Firm.

Also a member of the Country Management Team.

Purpose and Passion

Purpose is the reason for which something/someone exists. Our “WHY” in life.

Passion is an intense desire or enthusiasm for something. Passion is something in us that arouses great enthusiasm.

Finding our Purpose and Passion in life is important to understanding what drives and inspires us and it gives us a reason to improve our lives and makes us HAPPY. Our purpose and passion light the fire within us daily.



Key messages



1 *Believe in yourself! Have faith! Follow your dreams!*

2 *Get negative people out of your lives*

3 *Never stop learning, growing and developing yourself*

4 *Never give up*

5 *Try new things/ Explore opportunities*

6 *Seek out mentors, starting from parents/guardians*

Sample – Purpose Statements

To build trust in society and solve important business problems

To make a positive impact to the people around me.

To make a contribution to the world by making tools for the mind that advance humankind.

Dismantling the legacy of apartheid through tackling institutionalised racism, poverty and inequality and fostering racial reconciliation.

To provide consumers with the best tasting, most nutritious choices in a wide range of food and beverage categories and eating occasions, from morning to night.

To serve as a leader, live a balanced life, and apply ethical principles to make a significant difference.

To have fun in my journey through life and learn from my mistakes.

To be a teacher. And to be known for inspiring my students to be more than they thought they could be.

To thyself, be true.

“The size of your dreams must always exceed your current capacity to achieve them. If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough.”

- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Thanks for this wonderful opportunity to be here today.

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