

Russell Isakow Curriculum Vitae



About

Russell is a Senior Manager at PwC. He has had a wide range of experience in his career – ranging from a Financial Review Manager at Absa to managing several workstreams within a management consulting capacity. He has worked with some of South Africa’s largest organizations, across many different industries. Russell considers himself a ‘forever student,’ eager to build on his experience in strategy, analytics, and behavioral economics

Qualifications

- MCom – Business Management (University of Johannesburg)
- BCom (Hon) – Strategic Management (University of Johannesburg)
- BCom (University of Johannesburg)




Achievements

- Highest grade in MCOM Business Management for Strategic Management module
- Selected for the Barclays Africa Finance Hack-A-Thon
- Gold List for the Deloitte Graduate Academy
- Responsible for securing several Letsema Consulting & Advisory and PwC Anchor/ Long term Accounts
- Published several articles and thought pieces – focused on topics related Management and Industry Trends
- Successfully completed Two Oceans Ultra Marathon (56km road race)

Proficiencies

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
MICROSOFT EXCEL	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
MICROSOFT WORD	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
MICROSOFT VISIO	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆
MICROSOFT OUTLOOK	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Interests

 Sport –	Enjoys playing football, padel and golf with friends and business associates
 Gardening –	Spends time re-energizing in the garden appreciating nature
 Family –	Takes any time possible to spend time with his wife and 2 sons

Key Skills

STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

OPERATIONAL RESTRUCTURING

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

GOVERNANCE, RISK & COMPLIANCE

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Key Consulting Experience*

- Led and managed multiple due diligences for the Public Investment Corporation – requiring detailed financial, commercial, and operational assessment criteria
- Led and managed the development and implementation of a retail performance management programme for BMW SA – assisting retailers with top line (7% average increase in revenue) and bottom line (4% average decrease in overhead costs) optimization within 1 year
- Led and managed the unassisted digital channel cost optimization for the full end-to-end card product house within a local banking leader, with a proposed saving of R130m
- Provided transaction advisory and support on an identified acquisition for a local leader in Oil and Gas
- Led and managed multiple financial and commercial due diligences for Microsoft’s Equity Equivalent Investment Program within manufacturing and agriculture
- Led and managed multiple financial, commercial, operational and governance due diligences for the Automotive Industry Transformation Fund
- Led and managed a socio- economic impact assessment for a local locomotive manufacturer
- Led and managed multiple Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans for several state-owned entities
- Conducted multiple risk management initiatives for Global Tax Information reporting (including FATCA, CRS, BEPS, BCBS 239, etc.) for a global banking institution
- Led and managed the business case for digital transformation within a key operational function within a leading, local financial services institution
- Conducted feasibility studies, market research and benchmarking, target operating models, and leverage model development for various multi-national companies and parastatals

Employment History

PwC
(2022 – Present)

Letsema Consulting & Advisory
(2018 – 2022)

Absa
(2014 – 2018)

EY
(2013 – 2014)

Investment Consulting & Trustee Services
(2011 – 2013)

Key Consulting Clients



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