






# DARIO GERBER

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## PROFILE

I am a driven, enthusiastic and hard-working person that enjoys learning all I can from each environment. I enjoy partnering with a variety of people to craft innovative and efficient solutions for complex business issues to help businesses find their feet, by ensuring a working relationship with all parties to facilitate a functioning environment where value can be created for all players.

I have been working towards my CIMA designation over the past 3 years during which I have had the opportunity to work in many different teams and areas of the bank which has helped to shape me into a more well-rounded individual that can deliver accurate and detailed work, while ensuring I interact effectively with all stakeholders.

I speak the following languages:

- Afrikaans
- English



## EDUCATION

### **Strategic Level Studies toward designation | CIMA Global**

2020

I completed all my CIMA professional qualification exams and am currently working towards finishing up my practical experience requirements to be able to fully register as a CIMA member and CGMA.

### **M. Com in Management Accountancy | North-West University**

2019

During my masters I focused my dissertation on the prediction of financial distress through financial and statistical analysis.

### **B. Com (Hons.) in Management Accountancy | North-West University**

2018

### **B. Com in Chartered Accountancy | North-West University**

2015 – 2017

### **NSC 2014 | Vereeniging Gimnasium**

2010 – 2014



## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Investment Banking Analyst – Restructuring | Absa Bank

JAN. 2023 – PRESENT

As part of Special Asset Management, I restructure distressed debt exposures for corporate companies across Africa to craft solutions that allow these entities to recover their financial well-being. I also facilitate business rescue and liquidation processes on behalf of the bank when necessary to maximise the chance of recovery or minimise losses.

### Junior Specialist Management Accountant | Absa Bank

JAN. 2020 – DEC. 2022

On the program we had the opportunity to work in many different teams and areas across the bank that provides exposure to different competencies and people. The below are the rotations that I have worked in over the past three years:

- **Special Asset Management** Feb. 2022 – Dec. 2022: Restructuring of distressed debt in corporate companies.
- **Commercial Property Finance & Private Equity** Apr. 2021 – Jan. 2022: Finance team of commercial properties across South Africa and development of low to middle income housing.
- **Transactional Banking** Sep. 2020 – Mar. 2021: Finance team for retail banking clients, working with customer behavioural data to inform reporting and product offerings.
- **Group Reporting & Analytics** Jan. 2020 – Aug. 2020: Financial analysis of the performance and adherence to reporting standards of two of the bank’s main segments.



## SKILLS

- Distressed debt restructuring
- Financial modelling
- Effective management and stakeholder reporting
- Financial analysis
- Teamwork and team dynamics
- Managing and negotiation with various stakeholders



## ACTIVITIES

During the past two years I have been part of different ad-hoc activities that have provided exposure to other competencies that have helped round my experiences.

### Toastmasters

I have served on the executive committee of the Absa Wakanda Toastmasters club, as part of Absa Financial Management for the past 2 years. The club consists of 55 members and growing, in which all members strive to improve their leadership and public speaking skills.

As a member I have worked towards expanding my communication skills through multiple projects.

## Progeny

Progeny is a youth initiative in Corporate and Investment Banking that focuses on giving youth in the company a place at the table and facilitating the effective interaction between youth and senior management.



## REFERENCES

### **Hannah Hobson CA (SA) | Vice Principal – Special Asset Management (Absa)**

Manager in current role.

### **Itani Mafune CA (SA) | Accounting Training Program Leader (Absa)**

Head of the program for past 3 years.

### **Xikombiso Ntimbani CA (SA) | Product Controller – Commercial Property Finance Equities (Absa)**

Manager in previous team.

All reference's contact details available on request.

## **ADDENDUM – EXPLANATION OF SCC DUTIES**

Please find a short explanation of the duties performed while on the SCC.

### **SCC: Finances Chairperson (Extract from Department Student life role description)**

It is the role of the portfolio holder to:

1. compose and present an SCC financial year planning and supervise the execution thereof;
2. compose an annual report and reconciliation of all SCC expenses and incomes;
3. ensure that all events and activities of the committee has a value-driven foundation;
4. as SCC member and Chairperson of SCC: Finances, take the interests of Finances to heart and ensure effective budgetary control;
5. liaise between the SCC and the Financial Support Services (hereafter FSS) of the NWU-Potchefstroom campus;
6. perform any other Ad Hoc duties and / or committee or commission responsibilities, as assigned by the SCC: Chairperson;
7. serve on the Committee for Bursaries and Loans (hereafter CBL) of the NWU and meet obligations, as assigned by the committee;
8. along with the SCC's Financial Assistant, act as financial advisor for treasurers of ECs, ASAs and sub-committees;
9. manage residence clubhouses, alcohol licenses and event applications, as delegated to the portfolio holder by the Director: Student Life; and
10. perform any other tasks, as assigned to him / her by the SCC: Chairperson.

The SCC of the Potchefstroom campus' accounts are therefore my responsibility, which constitutes R1 200 000+ and are growing annually. The role played by an SCC: Finances Chair is one of financial control and management and has taught me budgetary principles as well as managing large amounts of funds to make surpluses, even though it is a non-profit organisation.

I have managed 12 Executive members directly this term and through them, 86 other constituents, that all manage and process accounts and transactions in the Student-structure finance department.