## **ED CHILDES**

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Tech and financial services professional with 6 years of experience in banking, non-profits and tech startups seeking a position in business development.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# Kakehashi Africa / Knowledge Manager December 2018 - November 2020 | Tokyo, JP

- Established brand identity for a 60% reduction of administrative & marketing-related tasks
- Created, implemented & managed knowledge management policies that led to a 29% improvement in efficiency of data retrieval
- Managed & facilitated access to in-house documentation for members in 55 countries

#### **Metabirds / Market Researcher**

February 2017 – July 2017 | Kyoto, JP

- Conducted qualitative and quantitative research on chatbots, and prepared recommendations on feasibility of 3 strategies based on the lean startup methodology
- Devised financial cost models & data visualizations via Excel & Tableau

#### **BancABC** / Product Specialist

February 2014 - February 2016 | Maputo, MZ

- Introduced 5 deposit & lending products and go-to market strategies based on customer segmentation that contributed to a gross revenue increase of 47%
- Established & curated strategic partnerships which resulted in \$1.7m loan revenue
- Conducted market research & competitive analysis to improve product positioning & pricing strategy that added 8% to the operational profit margin
- Launched mobile banking (app & USSD) with Partnership & Customer Experience departments to which boosted customer retention by 24%
- Identified and developed new business opportunities which helped sales representatives grow regional sales by 16% YoY
- Planned the overhaul product & services portfolio with regional counterparts, with a projected increase of \$3m in one year

## **SKILLS & COMPETENCIES**

Skills / Excel, Keynote, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, SAP Business Objects, Sketch, SPSS, SQL, Visio Competencies / Financial Modeling & Forecasting; Market Research; Product Strategy & Positioning; Pricing Strategy; Risk Management; Statistics

Languages / English - Native; Portuguese - Native; Japanese - Limited working proficiency

#### **EDUCATION**

## **Doshisha University / MBA**

September 2018 | Kyoto, JP

- JICA ABE Scholarship recipient and holder of 4.0 GPA
- Focus on marketing and operations management
- Researched user experience using a mixed methods approach
- Wrote case studies based on the Toyota Production Method
  - Design modularity
  - Evolutions of production systems from Industry 2.0 through 4.0 via Mass, Lean, Job Shop,
    Cell, Flexible, Seru, and IoT-based manufacturing

## **Stellenbosch University** / Postgraduate Certificate

July 2015 | Johannesburg, ZA

Graduate Leadership Development Programme

# **Univ. of Saint Thomas /** BS in Accounting & Finance

November 2013 | Maputo, MZ

Holder of 3.5 GPA

#### **PROJECTS**

Personal Website / Technologies Used: HTML, CSS, JS, Netlify & Github

## Apple Music Design Proposal / Technologies Used: Sketch

 Redesigned Apple Music on desktop, iOS and iPad OS after quantitative research

#### **Japan Business Model Competition** / 2018 National Finalist

- Led a team of 5 to create a viable and feasible business model based on lean start-up principles
- Prepared financial models and conducted interviews and surveys to over 300 people
- Produced graphical elements, wireframes, app mockups and walkthrough video using Sketch and Final Cut Pro

### Kyoto, Life in a Poem

Shortlisted - Cannes Corporate Media and TV Awards 2019 - Category E42:
 Student Films