CLAUDE BELEMU HANG

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategy and finance professional combining Big 4 risk assurance, investment banking, and industrial engineering experience across emerging and developed markets. STEM Master of Accounting candidate and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) bringing technical fluency in financial modeling, enterprise risk management, and AI-driven process optimization. Proven track record of executing cross-border deals, designing scalable operational frameworks, and leading cross-functional teams - with a distinctive perspective bridging African frontier markets and US capital markets.

EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis | *Master of Accounting (STEM CPA Track) - Merit Scholar* — Expected Dec 2026
VP Finance, Beta Alpha Psi • Graduate Research Assistant to Prof. Jeremy Bertomeu (financial accounting & AI/ML)

WorldQuant University | *MSc Financial Engineering (concurrent enrollment)* — In Progress
Econometrics, Derivatives, Stochastic Modeling, financial Markets, Computational Finance

Quantic School of Business & Technology | *Master of Business Administration (MBA)* — 2024

Cyprus International University | *B.Sc. Industrial Engineering* — 2019

EXPERIENCE

Strategy Practicum – IR & Operations | Confluence Infrastructure Capital (via WashU CFAR) — Jan 2026 – May 2026

- Elevated to co-Team Lead; industry panel showcase winner; built an AI-driven framework to automate investor reporting workflows for a $500M infrastructure secondaries fund, translating manual IR processes into a scalable, technology-enabled operating model.
- Designed and presented an AI-native IR technology stack to PJ Deschenes (co-founder, former Nomura Greentech co-head) as the fund's recommended IR modernization strategy.

Pangaea Securities | *Investment Banking Analyst — African capital markets boutique* — Jan 2025 – Sep 2025

- Executed a $10M equity raise for GoviEx Uranium (TSX-listed) from origination through close — managed investor roadshows, due diligence, and regulatory filings across African, US, and European capital markets.
- Built valuation models (DCF, LBO, comparables) and authored mining/manufacturing industry research: Huaxin Cement, AECI Explosives, AB InBev, ZCCM-IH; produced pitch decks and information memoranda supporting live deal flow.

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) | *Risk Assurance Associate* — May 2021 – Sep 2024

- Supervised teams of 3–5 first and second year associates across high-stakes, regulated audit engagements — leading SOC 1/ICFR programs for Zambia's largest financial institutions: Absa, ZANACO, Indo Zambia Bank, ZCCM-IH; delivered ISAE 3402 for Standard Bank's Corporate & Investment Banking division.
- Led a GRC engagement for the €25.9M EU donor-funded Enterprise Zambia Challenge Fund (EZCF); supported a joint PwC Kenya/Zambia AML/CTF assessment, enhancing KYC and transaction monitoring frameworks.
- Executed SOC 2, ITGC, and penetration testing for AB InBev, ZamBeef, and Saturnia Regna Pension Fund; automated audit workflows via Alteryx and IDEA, reducing cycle time by approx. 20%.

SAP Young Professional Program | *Trainee Consultant* — Sep 2020 – Dec 2020

- Selected for highly competitive SAP YPP Southern Africa cohort; certified in SAP S/4HANA Business Process Integration and SAP Activate agile project management across finance, logistics, and supply chain modules.

Caffeine Shots Ltd (The Cake Bar) | *Operations Manager* — Jan 2019 – May 2020

- Promoted three times in nine months — Shift Leader → Branch Manager → Operations Manager — across a 5-location, 52-staff, $1.5M revenue operation; secured emergency financing through creditor negotiations, preventing franchise closure.
- Managed $130K/month operation; cut procurement costs 30% through centralized purchasing and supplier renegotiation; implemented SOPs and 5S across all branches.

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Frameworks: SOX/ICFR, COSO, COBIT, SOC 1 & 2, ISAE 3402, AML/CTF, IFRS, US GAAP, ISO 27001, Basel III, Lean Six Sigma (Green Belt)
Technical: Python (pandas, NumPy, scikit-learn), SQL, Alteryx, IDEA, Power BI, Tableau, SAP S/4HANA, Advanced Excel
Certifications:

- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) - IIA
- Financial Modeling & Valuation Analyst (FMVA) - CFI
- CPA Candidate (target Nov 2026)
- Google Advanced Data Analytics (Professional Certificate) - Google
- SAP S/4HANA Business Process Integration Associate - SAP
- SAP Activate Associate Project Manager - SAP

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

- VP Finance, Beta Alpha Psi — Manage financial budgets, chapter allocations, and funding compliance for the international honor society
- Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Jeremy Bertomeu — Engineer data pipelines and leverage machine learning to analyze corporate reporting disclosures and financial accounting datasets
- Youth Mentor, Mastercard Foundation / Baobab Platform — life success mentoring for college-age students on the platform