

BLAKENEY MANAGEMENT

Obiora Ogbunude (Partner) has been investing in Africa and the Middle East for over 15 years, a period that spans the emergence of both regions as important frontier markets. He started at Blakeney in 2001 following his graduation from the London Business School (MBA) in 2000. He is also a qualified physician and holds a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery degree (MB BS) from the University of Benin in Nigeria.

Caspar Romer (Partner) focuses on investments in the Arab world and Africa. After ten years as an emerging markets money manager, first at Hambros Bank and later at F&C, Caspar did an MA in International Relations at Johns Hopkins. He joined Blakeney in 2007 after working at the World Bank in Washington DC where he covered Middle East and North African financial markets. He has a BA in Development Studies from the University of East Anglia.

Khalifa Biobaku (Partner) joined Blakeney in 2010 after three years at Davidson Kempner Partners, a U.S. hedge fund, where he was an associate in the Event-driven team in London. Before that, he spent two years as an M&A analyst at Morgan Stanley focusing on industrial engineering and automotive companies. Khalifa has an honours degree in Engineering, Economics & Management from Oxford University and holds an MEng in Civil Engineering. He looks at opportunities in both Africa and the Middle East.

John Mumo (Partner/Analyst/Manager) joined in 2015 after four years as an analyst and associate at Emerging Capital Partners (ECP), an Africa-focused private equity firm, in Johannesburg. Prior to that, he spent two years as an investment banking analyst with Citigroup in New York. He has a BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering and a BA in Economics and Business from Lafayette College in the US. John was born and raised in Kenya and looks at opportunities in Africa.

Binta Drave (Analyst/Manager) Binta joined Blakeney in 2017 after ten years as a research analyst at Exotix Capital Partners, an investment bank focused on frontier markets, where she covered the telecommunications and FMCG sectors. Prior to Exotix, she worked as an emerging markets equity analyst at Bloomberg for two years. Binta is fluent in English, French, Russian, Bambara and Wolof; and holds Master degrees in business and international finance from Universities in Paris and Dakar, Senegal. Binta looks at opportunities in both Africa and the Middle East.

Lauren Burns (Partner/Operations Manager) joined in 2009 from Dresdner Kleinwort where she had been working in its operations and client services division. Lauren has an MA in Politics / Economic and Social History from the University of Glasgow.

Michael Mumford (Trading Manager) joined Blakeney in 2007 from Nomura where he had been working in their operations and reconciliations division. Michael has a BA honours degree in Business Studies from the University of Westminster.

Miles Morland (Honorary Chairman) founded Blakeney in 1990, after 23 years working as an investment manager and investment banker in London and New York, before which he read Law at Oxford. Miles stepped down from his executive role in 2006 to assume a new role as a non-executive partner.

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