



Q&A

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What initially drew you to a career in M&A or corporate finance?

I have always been intrigued by how businesses progress, restructure, or create value through acquisitions or capital management. M&A is the combination of strategic thinking and high-impact decision-making, and the dynamic nature of the work suits my personality.

Early in my career, I was captivated by a transaction that I was roped in on, where companies used M&A not just for scale, but to fundamentally shift their business models. I am also fascinated by analytical challenges, finding a deeper insight into financials, understanding the rationale behind a deal, and assessing synergies or risks. In every deal I am instructed on, I get to witness and experience how the financial, legal and strategic elements come together, which has solidified my interest in this industry.

Was there a pivotal moment or influence early in your life that shaped your interest in finance?

When I did a rotation in the M&A and Banking and Finance teams as a candidate attorney in 2019, we undertook a deal

with a transaction value of R9 billion, which was successfully implemented. I thoroughly enjoyed the pace and pressure of that experience, which influenced me to pursue a career in the M&A and corporate finance space.

What did your path into this field look like – was it intentional, or did you discover it along the way?

I discovered it along the way.

What advice would you give to your younger self starting out in this field?

Make sure you build lots of meaningful relationships in the industry; it makes life much easier.

What keeps you motivated on tough days?

One of the rewards that comes with closing a significant deal is that you will always be recognised for it. 🏆



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