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### FOR WOMEN 2025

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Candid conversation with women in M&A, private equity, and the financial markets was had, where the realities of operating in a highly pressurised industry were unpacked.

*From navigating challenges and seizing leadership opportunities, to the slow but steady pace of transformation, the discussion explored what it takes to thrive.*

*We delved into the power of mentorship, lessons from the field, and what the future holds for women in this space.*

*An honest, inspiring exchange for anyone interested in driving change in this evolving industry.*

This year's panel and audience discussion was facilitated by **Jo Mitchell-Marais:**

Partner in Restructuring, Turnaround & Performance Improvement at Deloitte Africa

#### Panellists:

**Amalia Lui:** Partner at Clyde & Co Tanzania

**Shireen Motara:** Founder and CEO of The Next Chapter Studio

**Soria Hay:** Founder and Head of Corporate Finance at Bravura

**Titi Sekhukhune:** Co-Founder and Partner at Infinite Partners

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#### FACILITATOR: Jo Mitchell-Marais | Deloitte Africa

Jo is the Africa Turnaround & Restructuring leader at Deloitte Africa, a well-recognised subject matter expert in the restructuring industry and a frequent speaker at local and Africa-related conferences. Jo brings significant lender-side perspective to the service offering having led teams in a leading local South African bank, as well as a global alternative credit finance fund over a seven year period. A UK chartered accountant by qualification and serving as the first female Chairperson of the South African Restructuring and Insolvency Practitioners Association, Jo is passionate about creating sustainable value for her clients - ensuring that what is usually a stressful and pressured situation is managed in an assured, calm manner with specialised expertise.



#### Shireen Motara | The Next Chapter

Shireen is an African leader, strategist, and multi-passionate entrepreneur deeply committed to women's empowerment, economic independence, and social justice. As CEO of Tara Transform, she draws on over 20 years of experience to support women's leadership, self-awareness, and professional growth through coaching, consulting, and strategic advisory. Shireen has worked with the UN, philanthropic institutions, corporates, and NGOs across Africa on gender equality, governance, and sustainability. She is also the founder of The Next Chapter, a dynamic collective of women-led brands focused on purpose, passion, and community impact. Shireen is a board advisor, mentor with the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation, and co-founder of Young Women Thrive, an initiative advancing economic leadership for women across Africa.



#### Amalia Lui | Clyde & Co Tanzania

Amalia is a powerhouse transactional lawyer with a sharp focus on Africa, bringing over 15 years of experience in M&A, investment funds, energy, and mining. Known for her ability to navigate complex legal landscapes, she advises investors across a wide range of sectors, including high-stakes negotiations with governments and international clients. Before joining Clyde & Co, Amalia honed her cross-border deal-making skills at top international law firms in London. Her practice spans high-value, cross-border transactions across Tanzania (including Zanzibar) and key African markets including Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, Ethiopia and Nigeria. Her insight and influence have been instrumental in driving some of the region's most strategic deals, particularly in highly regulated industries such as mining and energy.



#### Soria Hay | Bravura Group

Soria qualified as a lawyer and after a few years in corporate finance formed the Bravura Group in 1999, at the age of 29. Under Soria's guidance, Bravura has grown into one of the largest independent advisory and structuring houses in Southern Africa. Soria's key contribution to the Bravura team lies in her deal sourcing and deal-making skills. With more than 25 years' experience in corporate finance and deal-making, she develops strong relationships with counterparties whilst relentlessly dotting the i's and crossing the t's. During Soria's corporate finance career, she has acted as adviser to various multi-national companies and large South African corporates including T-Systems, SAP, Diebold, Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton, Invicta, Accelerate, Alviva and HCI with an aggregate transaction value in excess of US\$5 billion.



#### Titi Sekhukhune | Infinite Partners

Titi is a Founding Partner of Infinite Partners and played an integral role in the spin out from Ethos Private Equity in 2022. As a Partner in the firm, Titi is responsible for the full spectrum across the private equity value chain, from sourcing new investment opportunities, evaluating and executing these and driving returns through portfolio management and realisation. Titi, who qualified as a Chartered Accountant, spent 10 years at Ethos Private Equity, where she joined as Associate and was appointed Partner in 2019. This is where she honed her private equity skills as part of the team that made investments in Autozone, Eazi Access and exited Plumblink and TiAuto. She was also part of the founding team of Ethos Mid Market Fund I in 2016.