

Colin Coleman

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SUMMARY

Colin Coleman is a distinguished South African business leader, widely recognised as an influential voice on national and African affairs, and has played a key role in events affecting South Africa and the continent. He is currently variously a non-executive director, chairman, advisor, consultant, investor, adjunct professor, distinguished fellow and author. He is involved with several entities including listed and private companies, academic institutions and non-profit organisations.

WORK EXPERIENCE

VARIOUS,

Johannesburg, RSA / New York, NY January 2020-Present

Colin has been appointed an Adjunct Associate Professor of Business (“**Adjunct Professor**”) at the Columbia Business School (“CBS”) for the Spring Full Term, 2024 (January - May), to be based in New York City.

Since 1 September, 2022 Colin is a **Distinguished Fellow** at INSEAD, hosted by their Africa Initiative.

Colin served as a **Senior Fellow and Lecturer** at Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs from January - December, 2020, where he taught a course "Doing business in Africa, the last Frontier of Global growth." While teaching at Yale he was based in New York City.

Since January 2020, Colin was appointed and remains an **independent non-executive member of the Board** of The Foschini Group, a company listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (“JSE”).

Since January 2020, Colin is also a **member of the advisory board** of ArisellIP, a developer and operator of industrial ecosystems in Africa.

Since its formation in 2021, Colin is a **partner and the largest shareholder** of the Africa Impact Corporation (“AIC”), which is the African regional partner to the New York City based Churchill Capital to originate, and execute transactions in Africa for various Churchill Capital NYSE listed vehicles totaling currently around \$1.5 billion of available capital.

Colin also presently **consults** to a number of companies.

Since, 2018 Colin is **Co-Chairman and Founder** of the Youth Employment Service (“YES”) which has to date provided 126,000 youth aged 18-29 with one year paid internship opportunities with South African businesses in partnership with the South African Government.

In 2020, he served as a **Senior Advisor** to the political risk consultancy, Eurasia.

Colin is currently **writing** a book “*Chasing Mandela's Dream*” and in 2022 was awarded with a Rockefeller Foundation **residency** at their Bellagio Center.

GOLDMAN SACHS INTERNATIONAL Johannesburg, South Africa August 2000- end 2019

A former **Partner** of Goldman Sachs, Colin was **Chief Executive Officer**, Sub Saharan Africa, Goldman Sachs up until his retirement end 2019. He was head of the Goldman Sachs South Africa office, based in Johannesburg, from August 2000. In 2008, he was named head of the Investment Banking Division for Sub-Saharan Africa. He was named **managing director** in 2002 and partner in 2010. He served on the global Growth Markets Council of Goldman Sachs. He is well known as a key **architect** of China / Africa deal making, counting the ground breaking ICBC / Standard Bank \$5.5bn investment as one of his signature transactions. In his role at Goldman Sachs, Colin can count many clients for whom he successfully **led, originated, negotiated and executed** landmark deals such as ICBC, Jinchuan, Vodafone, Barclays, Anglo American, Anglogold, Standard Bank, Old Mutual, Edcon, Goldfields, Absa, Massmart, SAB Miller, Shoprite, Naspers, Vodacom, Discovery and many others. Whilst at Goldman Sachs, Colin also served as a **business leader** on the boards of Business Leadership South Africa and the National Business Initiative, as well as on the Steering Committee of the CEO Initiative.

J.P. MORGAN

London, United Kingdom August 1997- March 2000

From August 1997, Colin served as a **Vice-President** at JP Morgan, based in London where he was a member of their Mergers & Acquisition Department focused on energy, oil & gas. He

advised on several banner oil & gas mergers, and European utility transactions including the \$14.6 billion merger of Veba and Viag to form Eon.

STANDARD BANK GROUP

Johannesburg, South Africa June 1994- June 1997

In June 1994, after declining at age 31 an invitation from the African National Congress to serve in South Africa's first democratic parliament, Colin entered banking as an **advisor** to the Chairman of Standard Bank Group. He also served as the **Director** of Public Finance at Standard Corporate & Merchant Bank, where he also established the South Africa Infrastructure Fund.

CONSULTATIVE BUSINESS MOVEMENT

Johannesburg, South Africa, Jan 1989 - April 1994

In the 1980's Colin was a **student leader, an anti-apartheid activist**, and from January 1989 deeply involved in South Africa's constitutional transition from apartheid to democracy as a **Director** of the Consultative Business Movement. He **served** in working groups of Codesa and the multi-party talks. In 1994 Colin **facilitated** the International Mediation Forum and **negotiated** the historic agreement to facilitate all parties' participation in South Africa's 1994 elections.

RECOGNITION

Colin was **named** in 1996 as one of the World Economic Forum's "Global Leaders for Tomorrow". He was also a **recipient** of Harvard Business School's "Business Statesman Award" on behalf of the Consultative Business Movement and was **named** one of Euromoney's World Top Ten "Financing leaders for the 21st Century."

PUBLICATIONS

Published numerous **articles** in South African and international journals, newspapers, and other. **Authored** "Two Decades of Freedom" at Goldman Sachs. Regular on various **broadcast channels** such as Bloomberg, CNBC Africa and CNN. Focus is on, but not limited to, South Africa and Africa. Various business articles in Project Syndicate, and prominent on LinkedIn with around 33,000 followers and 30,000 "connections".

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, Johannesburg, South Africa, 1981-1998
B(Arch). Colin was twice **elected** onto the Student Representative Council ("SRC"), in '83 / '84 and '84 / '85. He was then **elected** National Publicity Officer, a **full time post** he served for the National Union of South African Students ("NUSAS") in 1987.

LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

- Home language, English. Proficient in Afrikaans. Beginner, French and Italian.
- Tennis, Modern Jazz, Art and architecture.