Joseph Noko

Investment Analyst

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Professional Profile

A buy-side focused investment analyst with a proven record of delivering high-conviction, risk-adjusted returns. Ranked #6 globally on SumZero (among 16,000+ analysts), and creator of a model portfolio generating +43% annualised returns (Sept 2024 – Sept 2025), outperforming the S&P 500 by 11%. Published research that has reached over 500 institutional portfolio managers and buy-side analysts globally. Skilled in forensic accounting, reverse DCF valuation, and portfolio construction, with deep expertise in risk assessment and long-term capital allocation. Top 10 finalist in the Good Judgment Project 2.0 (COVID-19 forecasting). Featured in international media for macroeconomic and currency analysis.

Core Competencies

- **Valuation & Modelling:** Reverse DCF, scenario analysis, equity/credit ratings, expectations-based modelling.
- **Research & Strategy:** Forensic accounting, industry and macroeconomic analysis, alternative data, risk modelling.
- **Technical:** Excel (VBA), Python (pandas, SciPy), Bloomberg, FactSet, FRED API.
- **Regulation & Risk:** MiFID II & SEC context, AML/KYC, ESG disclosure, financial reporting.

Professional Experience

Independent Investment Analyst *Self-Employed, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe*
Dec 2023 – Present

- Ranked #6 globally on SumZero; category distinctions in Industrials and Micro-Cap research.
- Launched a model portfolio (Sept 2024) achieving +43% annualised returns, beating S&P 500 by 11%.
- Built 40+ reverse DCF valuation models integrating forensic accounting adjustments to identify mispriced securities.
- Developed a proprietary stock and credit rating framework to standardise analysis and reduce bias.
- Created Python-based macro forecasting models (FRED data) with 74.5% accuracy on long-run S&P 500 return projections.
- Published long/short equity research followed by 500+ institutional portfolio managers and analysts.

Portfolio Manager *Dube & Associates, Harare, Zimbabwe*
Jan 2018 – Jul 2020

- Managed third-party capital in physical metals trading, overseeing trade finance and risk controls.
- Delivered 20% targeted returns per cycle through disciplined position sizing and hedging strategies.
- Scaled trade volumes 19× in six months via process automation and supplier diversification.

Managing Director *Scallywag Mine, Gwanda, Zimbabwe*
Sept 2007 – Dec 2017

- Directed operations and capital allocation for a multi-million-dollar mining venture under volatile conditions.
- Led strategic restructuring to optimise cost structures and stabilise free cash flow during macro uncertainty.
- Negotiated financial and regulatory partnerships supporting operational continuity and long-term asset value.

Education

M.A. in Law & Finance *Université d'Angers, Angers, France*
Sept 2020 – Oct 2022
Graduated *magna cum laude*. Thesis: "The Nature of Risk."
Relevant coursework: Corporate Finance, Financial Regulation (MiFID II / SEC), Accounting.

Selected Distinctions

- **SumZero:** Ranked #6 globally (2024–2025) among 16,000 analysts; top placements in Industrials and Micro-Cap.
- **Good Judgment Project 2.0:** Top-10 finalist (COVID-19 forecasting), Nov 2020.
- **Media Citations:** Featured in international publications on macroeconomics and currency topics.

Publications & Research (Selected)

Full archive at josephnoko.com.

- Research reports (2024–2025): Apex Mining; Meta; Presco plc; Ringkjøbing Landbobank; AS Merko Ehitus; SABESP.
- Methodology: *Notes on Accounting Adjustments*; *Reverse DCF Framework*.
- Academic: *"Dollarization: The Case of Zimbabwe" (Cato Journal)*.

Additional Information

Languages: English (native), French (professional)
References: Available upon request