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LONG BIO

Nichole Yembra is the Founder and Managing Director of The Chrysalis Co which houses The Chrysalis Capital, a \$15M African tech fund and The Chrysalis Advisors, a financial, investment, and strategy firm. Her vision is to support African tech companies building globally relevant institutions. With her track record in enterprise financial strategy, performance improvement, data driven decisioning, and corporate governance, Nichole has served companies in the financial, aviation, education, manufacturing, health, power, and consumer goods sectors in 25 countries.

Nichole began her career at Ernst & Young LLP, Atlanta where she specialized in risk and process transformation across several sectors including oil and gas, consumer products, manufacturing, and financial services. Previously, she was the Chief Financial Officer for a PE Backed \$80M fintech holding company and served as Managing Partner of its investment arm. Nichole is a member of the Inaugural Obama Foundation Leaders: Africa Class and serves on the Council of 8 for the Shared Value Africa Initiative. She is also a mentor for Google Launchpad and an advisor to The Cortex Hub, a South African incubator. A fierce champion for women in leadership and technology, Nichole founded the Garden Women's Network, an initiative that promotes the recruitment, retention and advancement of women in the Nigerian tech ecosystem. She also founded GreenHouse Lab, Nigeria's first female founder-focused tech accelerator and the first "Powered by Google" accelerator in Africa.

In 2017, she was named by Forbes Africa as one of the Most Promising Entrepreneurs under 30. The Most Influential People of African Descent under 40 (MIPAD 100), a global civil society initiative whose efforts are in recognition of the UN-backed International Decade for People of African Descent, named Nichole amongst its 2018 honorees for business and entrepreneurship inside Africa. Her focus for the past four years has been on transforming the continent through data and payments technology companies. Nichole is an alumna of the Kenan Flagler Business School at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a graduate from the Masters in Accounting program at Wake Forest University, and a licensed CPA.

SHORT BIO

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