

Biography

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Michael Nwogugu, CPA (inactive; USA), CMA (inactive; USA), is an Author, Entrepreneur and Consultant. Mr. Nwogugu was formerly an Executive Vice President at an internet-based sports entertainment company in the US. Mr. Nwogugu has held senior management and Board of Director positions in companies in the US and Nigeria. Mr. Nwogugu has completed mergers, acquisitions, reorganizations, joint ventures and strategic alliances that were collectively worth more than US\$10 Billion. Mr. Nwogugu has advised Boards of Directors and senior management about sensitive issues such as corporate governance; executive compensation; exemptions from franchising disclosures, labor/employee classifications; tax consequences; complex accounting; cost reduction; transfer pricing; incentive plans, strategy; etc.. Mr. Nwogugu has cofounded or advised startups in various industries such as technology/internet; media/advertising/entertainment; autos; healthcare; consumer products and real estate.

At PaineWebber Properties (now UBS), Mr. Nwogugu co-managed five real estate SPAC portfolios worth \$280+ million and held in the form of exchange-traded REITs and limited partnerships, and whose assets included ground-leases, shopping malls, multifamily properties, flex space, office buildings and senior-living hotels. At China America Automotive Cooperative (“Chamco Auto”; New Jersey, USA), Mr. Nwogugu worked on: i) the development of an industrial park in Mexico which involved joint ventures with 8-16 Chinese auto/auto-parts manufacturers, and ii) the development of a universal auto services and after-market platform; iii) SPACs - an industry rollup of auto-dealers in Canada, USA, Mexico and Puerto Rico through joint ventures and strategic alliances; iv) the statutory restructuring and mergers of Chamco Auto’s subsidiaries. At Chamco Auto, Mr. Nwogugu co-founded and wrote the business plans for three international affiliate or carve-out companies (the importation, assembly and distribution of motorcycles; “super-cars”/“muscle-cars”; and electric vehicles). Mr. Nwogugu was a co-founder of Dentamach International (USA), where he worked on: i) SPACs - an industry rollup of dental products manufacturers in Canada and USA through M&A, joint ventures and strategic alliances; ii) an industry rollup of dentists and group dental offices in Canada and USA through M&A, joint ventures and strategic alliances; iii) the development of a national salesforce and distribution network and an incentive program; iv) the statutory restructuring of Dentamach and its subsidiaries; v) a spinoff and carve-outs of new subsidiaries. Mr. Nwogugu was a co-founder of, and developed the strategy, acquisition plan and business plan of American Graphics Inc. (USA) whose mission was to execute an industry rollup of the paper and paper products industry in the Americas - initially through a global joint venture with Cenveo (an NYSE company) and similar companies. Mr. Nwogugu has conducted due diligence on more than six hundred commercial mortgages (\$3.5+ Billion), more than six hundred business loans (\$3+ Billion) and more than four hundred and fifty commercial real estate leases (\$4.75+ Billion).

Mr. Nwogugu earned a B.Sc. (Architecture) degree from University of Nigeria (Nigeria); a B.Arch. (Architecture) degree from the City University Of New York, and an M.B.A. degree from Columbia University (New York City). Mr. Nwogugu attended Suffolk University Law School’s Juris Doctor degree program for two years, and was an External PHD (Law & Economics) candidate at a European University (PHD Thesis completed but not defended). Mr. Nwogugu has working knowledge several programming languages such as Python; C#; PHP/MySQL; HTML/CSS/Javascript; and Java.

Boards Of Directors:

Mr. Nwogugu has served on the Boards of the following organizations: Dentamach International (USA; private); McBurney YMCA (New York City; USA; non-profit); Quotientica Private Limited (India; private), Webmetrix LLC (USA; private); Termlease LLC (USA; private) and CrestWood (Nigeria; private).

While working at PaineWebber, Mr. Nwogugu served as a Board Advisor (not Board Member) of the following “public” SEC-reporting companies in the USA:

- i) ILM II Senior Living Inc., a US REIT (<http://edgar.secdatabase.com/948/91205799007589/filing-main.htm>).
- ii) ILM II Lease Corporation, a US REIT (<http://edgar.secdatabase.com/948/91205799007589/filing-main.htm>).
- iii) ILM Senior Living Inc., a US REIT (<https://www.nasdaq.com/markets/ipos/filing.ashx?filingid=1158737>).
- iv) ILM I Lease Corporation, a US REIT (<https://www.nasdaq.com/markets/ipos/filing.ashx?filingid=1158737>).
- v) PaineWebber Mortgage Partners Five L.P., a US quasi-REIT (<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/779339/0000779339-96-000004.txt>).
- vi) Paine Webber Equity Partners Two L.P., a US quasi-REIT (<http://edgar.secdatabase.com/542/79397396000001/filing-main.htm>).
- vii) Paine Webber Equity Partners One L.P..

Advisory Board Member.

- Formerly Advisory Board Member of STS Capital Partners.
- Formerly Advisory Board Member of CloudAdvisory.
- Formerly Advisory Board Member of unidentified US Securities Broker-Dealer (registered at SIPC and FINRA), and tech startups in South Africa and France.

Startup Mentor.

Formerly a startup mentor at Newchip Accelerator (USA).

Research Impact:

Mr. Nwogugu’s articles have been cited by other authors in various PHD thesis, LLM/Masters degree thesis, various academic conference proceedings, books, un-published academic articles and in top research journals - such as *International Journal of Approximate Reasoning*; *European Journal of Operational Research*; *Expert Systems With Applications*; *Applied Mathematics & Computation*; *Neural Computing & Applications*; *Applied Soft Computing*; *Journal Of Business Research*; *Information Fusion*; *Computers & Industrial Engineering*; *Journal of Experimental Psychology - Learning, Memory & Cognition*; *Mathematical Methods of Operations Research*; *AIP Conference Proceedings 1867* (<http://aip.scitation.org/doi/abs/10.1063/1.4994404>); *Physica-A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications (Elsevier)*; *Europhysics Letters (IoP)*; *International Journal of Project Management*; *Regional Science & Urban Economics*; *Journal of Regional Science*; the *Proceedings Of The National Academy of Sciences of the US (PNAS)*; *PLOS One*; *Complexity (Wiley + Hindawi)*; *Brain & Cognition*; *Management Decision*; *Journal of Grey Systems*; *Economic Modelling*; *International Journal of Fuzzy Systems*; *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering*; *ACM Computing Surveys*; *Computers, Environment & Urban Systems*; *Journal of Systems Science and Mathematical Sciences*; *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*; *IEEE Access*; *Neural Information Processing Systems*; *Revista de Contabilidad*; *Management Decision*; *Frontiers In Psychology*; *Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Humanized Computing*; *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*; *International Journal of Fuzzy Systems*; *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*; *Computer Law & Security Review*; *Personality and Individual Differences*; *Land Use Policy*; *International Review of Financial Analysis*; *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*; *European Economic Review*; *Energy Economics*; and *Service Business*.

Mr. Nwogugu’s research articles have also been cited in other journals such as: *Mathematics (MDPI)*; *Sustainability (MDPI)*; *International Game Theory Review*; *Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Systems*; *Journal of Risk Finance*; *Corporate Ownership & Control*; *Telematics & Informatics (Elsevier)*; *Information (MDPI)*; *Informatica Economica*; *Intelligent Decision Technologies (IOS Press)*; *Scientific Research & Essays*; *Procedia Computer Science (Elsevier)*; *International Journal of Geo-Information*; *Journal of Testing and Evaluation*; *Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agents*; *Frontiers of Information Technology & Electronic Engineering*; *International Journal on Artificial Intelligence Tools*; *Scientific Papers Of Silesian University Of Technology (Organization And Management Series)*; *Acta Sci. Pol. Oeconomia*; *International Journal of Retail & Distribution Management*; *Journal of Management Policy & Practice*; *The Journal of Developing Areas*; *Annual Review of Political Science*; *Journal of Neuroscience, Psychology & Economics*; *Russian Journal of Innovation Economics*; *Journal of Governance and Regulation*; *Benchmarking: An International Journal*; *International Journal of*

Business and Emerging Markets; International Journal of Digital Content Technology and its Applications; World Applied Sciences Journal; Journal of Mathematics & Computer Science (ISR); British Journal of Applied Science & Technology; International Journal of Decision Sciences, Risk & Management; American Journal of Applied Sciences; Journal of Modern Science; International Journal of Finance & Economics; Economic Research-Ekonomiska Istraživanja; Journal of Business Ethics; The Quarterly Review of Economics & Finance; Accounting Perspectives; Asian Journal On Quality; Review Of Radical Political Economics; Ekonomika (Lithuania); Statistickai Szemle (Eastern Europe); Journal of Basic and Applied Scientific Research; Current Journal of Applied Science and Technology; International Journal of Industrial and Systems Engineering; The Professional Geographer; International Journal for Applied Information Management; Inzinerine Ekonomika-Engineering Economics (Lithuania); Journal of Industrial and Management Optimization; Intelektinė Ekonomika (Intellectual Economics) (Lithuania); Acta Oeconomica Pragensia; Journal Of Risk & Financial Management (MDPI); Journal of Settlements & Spatial Planning (Elsevier); Scientific Programming (Hindawi); Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences (Elsevier); Procedia Economics and Finance (Elsevier); Corporate Ownership and Control; European Management Journal; Journal of Legal Affairs and Dispute Resolution in Engineering; The North American Journal of Economics and Finance; Pacific Rim Property Research Journal; Journal of Business Economics and Management; Journal of Behavioral Finance; Applied Financial Economics; International Journal of Political Economy; Law and Financial Markets Review; and Future Studies Research Journal.

Mr. Nwogugu's research articles have been cited in book-series such as the *Springer Proceedings In Business & Economics* (Springer); *Studies in Computational Intelligence* (Springer); the *BestMasters* (Springer); *Lecture Notes in Computer Science* (LNCS, volume 13376; Springer); *ICCSE'19: Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Crowd Science and Engineering* (ACM); *WSC '08: Proceedings of the 40th Conference on Winter Simulation* (ACM); 2019 IOP Conf. Ser.: Earth Environ. Sci. (227 042008; IoP); *Proceedings of the Int. Conf. on Advances in Computer Science and Application 2012* (ACM); *Proceedings of the 32nd International Conference on Industrial, Engineering and Other Applications of Applied Intelligent Systems, IEA/AIE 2019; International Symposium for Intelligent Transportation and Smart City (ITASC) 2019 Proceedings; Proceedings of 2nd International Conference On Information Science and Control Engineering (ICISCE; 2015, Shanghai); Proceedings of 2010 International Symposium On Computer Communication Control and Automation (3CA; Tianan, Taiwan); and Studies in Systems, Decision & Control (SSDC, volume 283; Springer).*

Mr. Nwogugu wrote the books titled "*Risk In the Global Real Estate Market*" (John Wiley & Sons; 2012); "*Illegal File-sharing Networks, Digital Goods Pricing And Decision Analysis*" (2016; CRC Press); "*Anomalies In Net Present Value, Returns And Polynomials; And Regret Theory In Decision-Making*" (2017; Palgrave MacMillan); "*Indices, Index Funds And ETFs – Exploring HCI, Nonlinear Risk And Homomorphisms*" (2019; Palgrave MacMillan); "*Complex Systems, Multi-Sided Incentives And Risk Perception In Organizations*" (2019; Palgrave MacMillan); and "*Earnings Management, Fintech-Driven Incentives and Sustainable Growth: On Complex Systems, Legal and Mechanism Design Factors*" (Routledge/CRC Press; 2019); "*Complex Systems and Sustainability in the Global Auditing, Consulting, and Credit Rating Agency Industries*" (IGI Global, 2021); and "*Geopolitical Risk, Sustainability and "Cross-Border Spillovers" in Emerging Markets, Volumes 1 & 2*" (Palgrave MacMillan, 2021). Some of these books address Artificial Intelligence (Learning, Decision-Making, Perception, Reasoning and Knowledge Management), Complex Systems and Sustainable Growth.

The lists of some citations of Mr. Nwogugu's articles in referred academic journals and PHD Thesis are available at: Google Scholar (https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=K5oY_F4AAAAJ&hl=en); and Web-of-science; and MathSciNet (<http://www.ams.org/mathscinet/>).

During 2010-2023, Mr. Nwogugu was consistently in the top 0.5% (one-half percent) of more than 361,000+ contributing researchers in Social Science Research Network ("SSRN"; www.ssrn.com/en/) based on article-downloads (16,720+ downloads as of January 2020); and in the top 7% of researchers in SSRN.com based on citations. See https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=335757 (as of January 2020).

As of 2022, Mr. Nwogugu's ResearchGate "RG-Score" (research-score) was 29.27. See: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Michael_Nwogugu. Based on the Thomson Reuters *Essential Science Indicators Citation Thresholds*¹, during 2013-2019, Mr. Nwogugu was consistently in the top one percent of cited authors worldwide in three academic fields which are Computer Science, Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary

¹ See: <http://ipscience-help.thomsonreuters.com/incitesLiveESI/ESIGroup/indicatorsGroup/citationThresholds/thresholdHighlyCited.html>.

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