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SAVCA appoints five new directors to its board

The Southern African Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (SAVCA) has announced the appointment of five directors to its board, with immediate effect.

These new directors, Craig Beney, Craig Dreyer, Lungile Mdluli, Samantha Pokroy and Lelo Rantloane, are senior members of private equity or venture capital fund manager teams, and will be part of a board of thirteen directors who are tasked with serving the private equity and venture capital industry.

“We warmly welcome these new directors and look forward to benefiting from the wealth of strategic and industry knowledge and experience that they bring to the Association,” says Erika van der Merwe, CEO of SAVCA.

Craig Beney is chief operating officer at Convergence Partners, where he is responsible for all operational aspects of the firm, with a particular focus on governance and risk issues at fund and investee company level. Craig has significant expertise in treasury and risk management in the financial services sector, having worked for regulatory and financial institutions in the UK and South Africa.

Craig Dreyer joined Ethos in 1998 as the firm’s chief financial officer and has served as a SAVCA committee member ever since. Craig holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree in accounting and a post graduate Bachelor of Accounting degree from the University of Witwatersrand. He is a member of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Lungile Mdluli is a principal in the Metier private equity team and is a director of Metier, where she is integrally involved in preparing investments for funds and fund raising. After serving her articles at KPMG, Lungile joined WipCapital as a manager in the debt products team. Thereafter she joined De Beers, where she was a project accountant before moving to the corporate finance department.

Samantha Pokroy is the founder and CEO of Sanari Capital, a private equity firm specialising in founder-run businesses. She is also a fund manager for Section 12J fund, Sanari Growth Partners. Samantha has over eleven years of private equity and venture capital experience in South Africa and in the US, having worked for a Chicago-based private equity firm and in investment banking and consulting in New York, before returning to South Africa and joining Ethos Private Equity.

Lelo Rantloane is the founding CEO of Ata Capital, prior to which he was Head of Debt Capital Markets and structured debt at Deutsche Bank AG. Lelo began his career at RMB as a transactor in Debt Capital Markets and later became a transactor in Acquisition and Leveraged Finance, where he focused on private equity firms.

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The Southern African Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (SAVCA) is the industry body and public policy advocate for private equity and venture capital in Southern Africa. It represents approximately R170 billion in assets under management.

SAVCA promotes Southern African private equity by engaging with regulators and legislators on matters affecting the industry, providing relevant and insightful research, offering training and creating meaningful networking opportunities for industry players.

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