

El-Shebah Migwalla CA(SA)



CHIEF OF STAFF · INVESTOR RELATIONS · PARTNERSHIPS

el-shebah@withverve.co · +27 72 330 2119

Johannesburg, South Africa · available across Africa and internationally

With Verve.

C-SUITE · COACHING · CONTENT

PROFILE

El-Shebah is a Chartered Accountant and ExCo-level executive with over 15 years across investment banking, strategic partnerships and investor relations in Sub-Saharan Africa. She has sat on both sides of the table: as the lender and dealmaker assessing a business, and as the executive inside a high-growth, founder-led company building the functions being assessed.

She takes fractional mandates with founders and chief executives who need senior capacity beside them rather than another adviser at a distance: standing up an investor relations function ahead of a raise, building and negotiating a partnerships pipeline, or acting as Chief of Staff on the operating infrastructure that turns strategy into delivery. A genuine peer to leadership — analytically rigorous, commercially sharp and candid.

WHAT SHE BRINGS

Chief of Staff to the chief executive

Sits beside the CEO on the things that fall between functions: operating cadence, decision-making rhythm, board communication and the follow-through that turns an agreed strategy into delivered work.

Strategic partnerships and business development

Led Partnerships and Planning on the executive committee at GoTyme Bank (formerly TymeBank): building the pipeline, negotiating complex agreements and managing the commercial performance of live relationships.

Pan-African reach

Hands-on transaction experience across Kenya, Tanzania, DRC, Nigeria, Uganda and Southern Africa, spanning telecoms, financial services, healthcare, education and real estate. Right to work in South Africa and Kenya.

Investor relations, built from zero

Built the investor relations function at Tyme Group in preparation for an international listing, from reporting cadence and investor materials through to managing the narrative with institutional investors.

Both sides of the table

Seven years at Investec structuring leveraged finance for private equity funds and corporates. She knows how investors evaluate and pressure-test a business, because she has done the evaluating.

Built, not presented

Designs the processes, reporting cadences and governance structures that let a leadership team scale. A builder of infrastructure rather than a presenter of frameworks.

CAREER

2026 –	With Verve Pty Ltd · Fractional Chief of Staff, Investor Relations and Partnerships
2024 – 2025	Tyme Group · Head of Investor Relations and Stakeholder Management
2022 – 2025	GoTyme Bank · Executive: Partnerships and Planning (ExCo)
2015 – 2022	Investec · Senior Transactor, Leveraged Finance
2006 – 2015	Deloitte, Standard Bank, Barclays Africa · audit, credit and office of the CEO

HOW SHE WORKS

ENGAGEMENT

Fractional mandates, typically 20–30 hours per week. Retained or project-based.

REACH

Johannesburg based (SAST, aligned with European hours). Available across Africa and internationally.

LANGUAGES

English and Kiswahili fluent. Basic French.