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Samantha joined RMB in November 2022 after about a decade and a half in similar roles at other South African banks.

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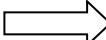
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**JIBRAN QUREISHI**  
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Jibran Qureishi is a prominent award-winning economist known for his expertise in African macroeconomics and financial markets research. He is currently the Head of Africa Regions Economic Research at the Standard Bank Group. Jibran provides strategic and operational leadership to a team that has members in multiple geographic locations across the continent. The macroeconomic research is overlaid with fixed income and currency research to produce executable trade ideas in African fixed income and currency markets. In addition, his team's research is aimed at identifying potentially profitable trading opportunities in the growing African Eurobond market.

Jibran features prominently in leading business media and in 2018 was hailed as one of Kenya's Top 40 under 40 professionals. He advises the banks clients and senior management in various in-country offices on Africa strategy. Additionally, he has advised governments and central banks on the continent on public policy matters. He was ranked first by the prestigious Financial Mail top analyst awards for Sub Saharan Africa in 2016, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. His team also emerged victorious in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Spire Awards in 2016, 2017 and 2024 as the best Africa research team. Jibran was also ranked as the number one analyst in 2024 for frontier markets by the Extel Survey (formerly Institutional Investor Research) awards.