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I was born and grew up in Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. While many friends went to university in England or France, a scholarship took me to Yale in the US. These experiences gave me a thirst to seek knowledge and discover cultures everywhere - hence Lauder! I remain curious about entrepreneurial innovation, especially in EdTech and ESG. Currently I am building a Fintech startup (mobile digital payment systems) for Africa.

Lauder helped shape who I am, thanks to the focus on experiencing culture beyond merely doing business. However, being physically remote makes me feel “cast away” ... While I attend the NYC/LGAW and webinars, connect to alums in cities like Paris, or drop by to visit Marcy in Philly as often as I can, I feel it is now my duty to step up and help in any way I can to extend our global reach and help us shine further. Therefore this decision to extend the board is a unique opportunity for me to engage further.

What I hope to bring to the table is a voice and perspective from far away but still enriching for all. For instance, to open the forum to simple details such as varying times of webinars to reach maximum alums in different time zones. While US-centricity is invaluable, we will gain by slightly shifting the center of gravity, becoming more culturally sensitive, honing reflexes towards Lauder’s inspiring global outlook. My wish is for us to go beyond tolerance and truly embrace alterity