

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Family name:** Botha
2. **First names:** Roelof Frederik
3. **Date and Place of birth:** 1954, Pretoria, South Africa
4. **Nationality:** South African
5. **Civil Status:** Married
6. **Education:**

Institution:	Rand Afrikaans University
Date: from To	1993 1996
Degree obtained:	Doctorate in Commerce (Economics)

Institution:	University of Pretoria
Date: from To	1985 1986
Degree obtained:	Masters degree in Commerce - Economics (<i>Cum laude</i>)

Institution:	University of Pretoria
Date: from To	1983 1984
Degree obtained:	Honours degree in Commerce - Economics (<i>Cum laude</i>)

Institution:	University of Pretoria
Date: from To	1973 1977
Degree obtained:	Bachelors degree in Commerce (Accounting)

7. **Language Skills:** (mark 1 to 5 for competence)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	5	5	5
Afrikaans	5	5	5
German	2	1	1
Dutch	5	2	2

8. **Other skills:**

- a) Computer skills - MS Word, Powerpoint, Excel
- b) Journalism, writing, editing & financial accounting
- c) Soccer coaching (Senior & Junior level)

- 9. Present position:** Self-employed economic researcher and author of five different columns on macroeconomic issues in national and regional publications in South Africa. Also a senior adjunct faculty member at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS – University of Pretoria) and economic adviser to GOPA Worldwide Consultants (Bad-Homburg, Germany) as well as the Optimum Financial Services Group (South Africa) and Currencies Direct.
- 10. Years of professional experience:** 52
- 11. Key qualifications:** (relevant to the assignment)

Dr Roelof Botha's analytical ability was developed early in his career as an articled auditing clerk with a firm of chartered accounts in Pretoria, South Africa, and was extended through two senior management accounting positions held in manufacturing companies that were listed on The Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

His writing ability was developed through the subsequent appointment as economics editor of a daily newspaper, where his responsibilities included editorial comment and reporting on all matters dealing with finance, business and economics.

Following an approach by the Director-General of the Department of Finance (South Africa) in 1982, he was subsequently appointed as an economic policy advisor in the Directorate: Public Finance with specific responsibility for matters dealing with the Rand Monetary Area; exchange rate policies; and co-ordination between monetary and fiscal policy. He joined the Economics Department at the University of Pretoria, in 1984, where he held the position of senior lecturer and research fellow of the Bureau for Economic Policy and Analysis. Responsibilities included the coordination of the lecturing and research activities related to Public Finance.

In 1988 he accepted the position of Chief Economist at the South African Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI), where he was represented (ex officio) on various statutory bodies involved with economic policy. He was also in charge of all economic research activities, which included a monthly review of indicators and policies of a task team of fiscal experts that regularly advised the Minister of Finance. Other duties included analyses of structural adjustment policies and subsequent liaison with the Department of Trade and Industry, the Exchequer and the South African Reserve Bank.

A return was made to a teaching position in the Department of Economics at the University of Johannesburg in 1990, combining lecturing with various consulting assignments. He was the coordinator of lecturing and research activities in the field of Public Finance, both at undergraduate and postgraduate level. He has been the resident economic advisor (part-time) to PricewaterhouseCoopers (South Africa) since 1991.

Since 2001, he is also the Joint Managing Director of GOPA Group Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd, a subsidiary of GOPA Worldwide Consultants (based in Germany), whilst still lecturing (part-time) in applied macroeconomics at the Gordon Institute of Business Science - GIBS (University of Pretoria).

He is currently self-employed but remains involved in an economic advisory capacity at the Optimum Investment Group and GOPA Worldwide Consultants, whilst also still delivering keynote presentations on applied macroeconomics to a variety of private sector companies and industry associations. He has authored more than 1,000 research reports and articles dealing with industry sector analysis, applied macroeconomics and economic policy in Southern Africa and has developed, together with a research associate, a sector-specific macroeconomic forecasting model for the South African economy. This has assisted him in receiving the Finmedia *Economist of the Year Award* (2005), based on the accuracy of forecasts of key economic indicators.

12. Professional experience

- **Auditing (1973 -1975)**
Articled auditing clerk at a firm of chartered accountants (Kellerman, Nel and Bruni). Responsibilities eventually included full audits, the drawing up of financial statements (also of consolidated accounts), and interpretation of financial results.
- **Management Accounting (1975 -1980)**
Positions were held with manufacturing concerns listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Responsibilities included internal auditing; the full range of management accounting procedures; reporting to members of the Board of Directors; and management of a staff of eight qualified accountants.
- **Financial & Economic Journalism (1980-1982)**
Appointed as financial editor of the daily newspaper, "Die Transvaler" (previously "Hoofstad") with responsibility for editorial comment and reporting on all matters dealing with finance, business and economics.
- **Economic Policy Advisor (1982 - 1984)**
Appointed to this position within the policy-making Directorate in the Department of Finance with specific responsibility for matters related to the International Monetary Fund; exchange rate policies; and liaison between the Department of Finance and the South African Reserve Bank.
- **Lecturing (1984 - 1988)**
Held the post of senior lecturer at the University of Pretoria (Department of Economics), specialising in the fields of public finance, industrial and foreign trade policies and regional economics. Lectures were also presented at the Business Management School and Institute for Studies in Business Economics, both at the University of Pretoria. These lectures dealt mainly with taxation; exchange rates; tariff protection; and the South African financial system.
- **Senior Economist of the South African Federated Chamber of Industries (FCI) (1988 -1990)**
Appointed to the above position in May 1988. Apart from overall management of the FCI's Economics Division, responsibilities included:
 - Representation on various statutory bodies
 - Conducting research, compiling reports and position papers and delivering presentations on relevant topics

- Organisation of topics and speakers for seminars and conferences
- Liaison with senior Government officials on socio-economic policy
- Conducting surveys into business confidence and interpretation of results
- **Lecturing (1990 to 2025)**

Returned to academic life in January 1990 as senior lecturer in the Department of Economics at Rand Afrikaans University, specialising in the fields of macroeconomics; public finance; economic policy in general; development economics; and management economics. Since 2000 he has also been involved as an Adjunct Faculty member at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (University of Pretoria) and Henley Business School, specialising in applied macroeconomics.
- **Management consulting (2001 to 2025)**

Appointed as Joint Managing Director of GOPA Group SA (Pty) Ltd. GOPA Group SA is a private, independent consulting firm that carries out planning, research, management and training projects within the Southern African region on behalf of national and international institutions and the private sector. The Company enjoys a wealth of experience that is vested in its majority shareholders, namely GOPA-Consultants & EPOS Health Consultants (both German companies).
- **Writing of columns in the media & professional publications**

Over the past 30 years, a variety of columns have been written on a regular basis for regional and national publications, published by the media as well as professional and industry organisations. In some cases, he was also the editor of the publications. They included the following (publishers in parenthesis):

 - i. *Icon*, (B S Bergman Consulting Engineers)
 - ii. *Property Review* (Perskor Group – Transvaler)
 - iii. *Businesswise* (PricewaterhouseCoopers)
 - iv. *Fusion* (PricewaterhouseCoopers)
 - v. *RDP in Action Series* (Nedbank/Business Development Centre)
 - vi. *Economic Monitor* (Rand Afrikaans University)
 - vii. *Econoview* (Agri Wes-Cape)
 - viii. *Economic Perspective* (Afgri)
 - ix. *To the Point* (Optimum Investment Group)
 - x. *Standpunt* (Media24 – Beeld & Die Burger)
 - xi. *BetterBond Property Brief* (BetterBond/MortgageMax)
 - xii. *On Balance* (APS Africa)
 - xiii. *The Bright Side* (Currencies Direct)
- **Consulting work and research (1984 to date)**

Consulting work is concentrated in the fields of macroeconomics (including forecasting of key economic indicators); small business development; industry-specific research; public sector economics; skills development; the strategic role of agriculture; and development economics in general. He was the resident (part-time) economic advisor to PricewaterhouseCoopers for 28 years.

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Specialised teaching experience:

- *Applied Macroeconomics for Professional Advisers* (Lectures for senior managers and partners of PricewaterhouseCoopers): 2000 to 2019
- *Applied Macroeconomics* (Post-Graduate Development Programme, Gordon Institute of Business Science - GIBS): 2000 to 2019
- *The Global Economy of Business* (Various Executive Management Development Programmes, GIBS – University of Pretoria): 2000 to 2020
- *Aviation industry trends and macroeconomics* (Airports Company of South Africa Executive Development Programme, Henley Business School): 2012 to 2013
- *Megatrends* (Senior Management Development Programme, Eskom – facilitated by Henley Business School): 2013
- *Economic policies & problems (Management Advancement Programme, Henley Business School)*: 2012
- *The New Economy* (Programme for Management Development - Academic, Gordon Institute of Business Science): 2000 to 2019
- *Globalisation and Competitiveness* (various company-specific Business Leadership Programmes, Gordon Institute of Business Science) 2000 to 2021
- *Macroeconomic prospects for Sub-Saharan Africa* (Advantage Training High Performance HR Summit): 2009
- *Globalisation* (Management Development Programme, Eskom): 2006 to 2007
- *Business, Government & the New Economy* (Master's degree in Business Administration, Gordon Institute of Business Science): 2000 to 2006
- *Microeconomics* (B. Com degree, University of Johannesburg): 1990 to 2000
- *Public sector economics* (Post-graduate degree, University of Johannesburg): 1990 to 2000
- *The South African Economic Landscape* (Masters degree in Human Resource Management, University of Johannesburg): 2001 & 2002
- *Applied Macroeconomics* (Master's degree in Business Management, University of Johannesburg) - 1995 to 2000
- *The Economics of Sport in South Africa* (Post-graduate degree in Sport Management, University of Johannesburg): 1999
- *Public Sector Economics* (Post-graduate diploma in Transport Management, University of Johannesburg): 1995 to 1999
- *Development Economics and Public Finance* (Third-year undergraduate courses for the Unisa B Com-degree presented by Boston City Campus): 1992 to 1996
- *Managerial Economics* (Master's Degree in Business Administration, Tshwane University of Technology): 2005 to 2009
- *The role of Labour in the Macro-economy* (Post-graduate degree in Human Resource Management, University of Johannesburg): 1998
- *The role of Macroeconomic Policy in the SA Economy* (Senior Management Development Programme for the Civil Service, Faculty of Economic Sciences, University of Pretoria): 1985 to 1986
- *Exchange rate determination and exchange rate policy* (Diploma in Purchasing Management, University of Pretoria): 1987 to 1989
- *Public sector economics* (B.Com degree course, University of Pretoria): 1984 to 1988
- *Macroeconomics* (B. Com degree course, University of Pretoria) - 1984 to 1988

Dr R F Botha – selection of past & present consulting clients

(presentations at management conferences, lecturing on company specific management training programmes, facilitation of strategic planning & contract research)

Absa Africa Aerospace and Defence Secretariat Afrimat Afrox Agri SA Airports Company of SA Associated Manganese Mines of SA Bell Equipment BetterBond Bidvest Bloomberg Boston City Campus Botswana Power Corporation British American Tobacco Build It Group Capitec Capricorn Investment Holdings (Namibia) Cell C Commercial Aviation Association of SA Corobrick Currencies Direct Department of Justice Department of Labour Department of Public Works Department of Trade & Industry Dis-Chem Discovery Group Durban Functional Region Project Electrical Industries Federation of SA Entrepreneurship Education Initiative Eskom Ford SA Global Insight GOPA-Consultants (Germany) Gordon Institute of Business Science Grain SA Group 5 European Union Harvey World Travel Higher Education SA Hewlett Packard Impala Platinum Industrial Development Corporation Institute of Internal Auditors Investec IRI Italstat-Group (Italy) Japanese International Dev. Organisation Liberty Holdings Maersk Sealand International	MAN-Ferrostaal Momentum Group MTN Namibia National Planning Commission Nampak National Chamber of Milling National Development Agency Nedbank Nestlé Northern Cape Chamber of Commerce Old Mutual Pam Golding Properties Pannar Seed Parmalat Pep Stores Pick 'n Pay Portuguese - SA Chamber of Commerce Purchasing Managers' Association PricewaterhouseCoopers Rand Merchant Bank. Richards Bay Coal Terminal Richards Bay Minerals SA Breweries/Miller SA Chamber of Business Sanlam Sanofi Aventis Sanparks Sanral Sasol Shell Sibanye Stillwater Siemens Small Business Advice Centre – Empangeni Southern African Development Community Spar Group Standard Bank Stewart Scott International Sun International Swaziland Department of Finance Telesure Holdings Tiger Brands Toyota SA Transnet Tshwane University of Technology Urban Foundation Vodacom Volkswagen SA West Rand District Municipality Woolworths
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