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Nicola Comninos, CFA is the Chief Risk Officer of Purple Group where she is responsible for group risk, sustainability, governance, legal and compliance for the group and its subsidiaries including, but not limited to EasyEquities, EasyCrypto and EasyProperties. She is non-executive vice-chair of the Institute of Risk Management of South Africa's board, serves as non-executive director at Africa Global Xchange, is the executive managing director of Cloud Atlas ETF Management Company, is a chair and trustee of EasyEquities Retirement Annuity, Preservation Pension and Preservation Provident funds and trustee of EasyUmbrella fund, co-heads the Women in ETFs South Africa chapter, a member of the 100 Women in Finance South Africa chapter committee and a CFA South Africa Society SADC and Risk, Governance & Audit committees member. With 18 years' experience in financial markets, her previous roles include Group Chief Risk Officer of JSE; chair of the JSE Pension Fund Board; World Federation of Exchanges Risk Working Group vice-chair; Managing Director of Nautilus Group, a Hedge Fund Platform; head of various functions including Group Strategy, Sustainability, Equities and Equity Derivatives and Business Intelligence at the JSE; Investment Consulting at Acsis; and Life Investment Product Development at mCubed Life. Nicola's qualifications include CFA Charterholder, B.Com Honours and B.Com Investment Management degrees (both Cum Laude). She was awarded IRMSA 2020 Risk Manager of the year, and her team was awarded the IRMSA industry specific risk initiative award in the Financial Services category in 2021. She is passionate about mentorship, financial inclusion, and transformation. Nicola has a loving life partner and three boys in primary school that keep her on her toes.