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Ibukun is responsible for London Stock Exchange Group's growth and collaboration strategy in emerging markets with a key focus on India and Africa. He has driven key initiatives such as LSEG's "Companies to Inspire Africa" publication and also launched the Exchange's first International Advisory Group for Africa bringing together key business leaders, investors and African regulators to solve the challenges facing African capital markets.

Prior to this Ibukun was Head of LSEG's equity listings business covering key markets in South Asia, Middle East and Africa. Managing relationships with companies, international advisors and regulators; in this capacity Ibukun was involved in over 200 initial public offerings in London by issuers from these regions.

Educated in Bath, United Kingdom Ibukun holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and started his career as a foreign exchange trader for NatWest Markets in London in 1995. He went on to set up and run a successful business specialising in managing foreign exchange risk for African and Asian companies and managed a Forex fund investing in the dollar major currency pairs.

Immediately prior to joining the London Stock Exchange Ibukun worked in the financial communications division of United Business Media there he ran an operation dedicated to blue chip clients from across the globe in the capacity of financial communications adviser and was one time adviser to the Lakshmi Mittal family and their companies.