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“I help boards and CEOs turn AI and operational transformation into disciplined, scalable enterprise performance — balancing innovation, risk, and customer trust.”

25+

Years in financial services

6,000+

Employees led globally

\$1B+

Transformation initiatives

\$30M

Fraud losses prevented

S H O R T B I O

David Fapohunda is a Managing Director at Barclays and a global financial services executive who turns AI and operational transformation into disciplined, scalable enterprise performance. Over 25+ years at institutions including Barclays, Citi, and PwC, he has led global operations of 6,000+ people, integrated multi-billion-dollar portfolios, and built risk frameworks that balance innovation with regulatory rigor. He speaks internationally on AI strategy, operational transformation, and resilient risk.

≈ 70 words

M E D I U M B I O

David Fapohunda is a Managing Director at Barclays and a global financial services executive who transforms operational models using data, technology, and design thinking. With more than 25 years in the industry, he has led cross-functional teams across continents, overseen \$1B+ in transformation initiatives, and shaped the risk frameworks of large institutions.

At Barclays and beyond, David has directed global operations, developed Gen AI and intelligent-automation solutions, and led the modernization of core banking systems. Earlier, at Citi, he reduced fraud losses by \$30M through AI-driven controls, and at PwC he advised financial institutions on large-scale transformation. His hands-on leadership pairs innovation with the compliance discipline regulated industries demand — and consistently delivers measurable business impact.

≈ 120 words

FULL BIO

David Fapohunda is a Managing Director at Barclays and a global financial services executive who transforms operational models using data, technology, and human-centered design. Across more than 25 years in the industry, he has built resilient, high-performance organizations — leading global operations of 6,000+ employees, integrating multi-billion-dollar portfolios, and overseeing \$1B+ in transformation initiatives.

David's work sits at the intersection of AI, operations, and risk. At Barclays, he has directed global operations, developed generative-AI and intelligent-automation solutions, and led the modernization of core banking platforms to enhance resiliency and scalability. His career spans data-center management, platform integration, and executive leadership — a trajectory shaped by adaptability and foresight.

Risk discipline runs through everything he builds. Earlier in his career at Citi, David reduced fraud losses by \$30M through AI-driven controls, and he has designed scalable KYC and fraud-prevention systems that balance agility with compliance. During his years at PwC, he advised leading financial institutions on transformation and operating-model redesign.

Today David advises boards and CEOs on operationalizing AI responsibly — turning ambition into governed, measurable enterprise performance. A frequent speaker at industry forums including Money20/20, BAI, and ABA events, and a board member and trustee, he brings the perspective of a practitioner who has done the work at scale, not just theorized about it.

≈ 230 words

SPEAKING TOPICS

AI Strategy & Execution

Operationalizing AI and ML across large-scale banking operations while ensuring regulatory compliance and risk control.

Operational Transformation

Proven strategies for leading cross-functional teams, optimizing processes, and scaling initiatives across global platforms.

Resilient Risk Frameworks

Building and leading risk-management strategies that evolve with digital innovation and sustain long-term trust.

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