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In terms of research, Paul's focus has been on capital market development in emerging market economies, particularly, on the time series behaviour of asset returns: efficiency, volatility, and market microstructure issues in explaining calendar anomalies. He has examined integration of Africa's capital markets with the rest of the world and he has an avid interest exploring the nexus between finance and growth, and the interaction between the financial and real sectors of the economy. His most recent research looks at development finance, public sector interventions in the economy and terms of trade shocks in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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Paul enjoys a number of extra-curricular activities, including, but not limited to travelling, swimming and exploring the frontiers of human consciousness.