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Kofi Bentsi is a Portfolio Manager for PIMCO, one of world's premier fixed income investors, based out of their London office. He has over 25 years of investment experience in Emerging Markets. He focuses on the selection, execution and management of investments decisions on Emerging Markets fixed income assets for a number of PIMCO's funds and investment vehicles, working closely with the firm's global macroeconomists and sector analysts in the investment decision making process.

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