

Celebrating Tony Elumelu's Leadership and Vision in Empowering Africa's Future

The President of the Republic of Gabon, His Excellency, General Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema, has conferred the nation's prestigious national honours - the Commander in the National Order of Gabonese Merit – on the Group Chairman, United Bank for Africa (UBA) Plc and Founder of the Tony Elumelu Foundation, Mr. Tony Elumelu.



The distinguished award recognises Elumelu's enduring contribution to Africa's economic development, particularly his impact on

youth entrepreneurship and infrastructure growth in Gabon and across the continent.

While acknowledging the recognition, Tony Elumelu, expressed deep gratitude for the recognition and reaffirmed his commitment to supporting the country's development agenda: "I am truly humbled by this honour. It is a reflection not just of my personal journey, but of a shared belief - that African-led solutions, African entrepreneurs, and African institutions will shape the future of this continent. Gabon holds enormous potential, and I am proud that the Tony Elumelu Foundation and UBA Group can play a role in unlocking it," Elumelu said.



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“This is more than a medal - it is a reminder of what we can achieve together as Africans,” Elumelu stated adding that, “At UBA and the Tony Elumelu Foundation, we remain committed to building bridges, not just between nations, but between ambition and opportunity.”

Elumelu is the Founder and Chairman of Heirs Holdings, his family owned investment company committed to improving lives and transforming Africa, through long-term investments in strategic sectors of the African economy, including financial services, hospitality, power, energy, technology and healthcare.

He is the Chairman of pan-African financial services group, the United Bank for Africa (UBA), which operates in 20 countries across Africa, the United Kingdom, France, the UAE and is the only African bank with a commercial deposit taking presence in the United States. UBA provides corporate, commercial, SME and consumer banking services to more than 35 million customers globally.

This recognition also highlights the ongoing strengthening of financial partnerships with a significant presence across Africa. As part of its mission to foster financial inclusion and development, UBA continues to support businesses and entrepreneurs across the continent, helping unlock the economic potential of African nations.

At UBA Kenya, we are incredibly proud to be part of this vision. As the bank that proudly serves millions of customers across the continent, UBA has long been a key enabler of financial inclusion and growth. Just as Elumelu has championed African-led solutions, UBA Kenya remains committed to empowering Kenyan entrepreneurs, particularly those in underserved communities, and facilitating cross-border trade and investments within Africa.

We celebrate the recognition of Tony Elumelu as a reflection of what we can achieve in Africa, and how UBA is playing an integral

role in that journey. We are more than a bank, we are a bridge to opportunity.