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Folake Shasanya is the Head of EMEA Warehouse Financing in SVB’s UK Branch and joined in July 2019 to establish this new high growth business area for the bank.

A 15 year veteran in structured finance, Folake previously led acquisition financing at Royal Bank of Scotland providing funding solutions to non-bank lenders and private equity firms. She was also director of the credit division at SIFMA helping to shape regulatory and market structures in the fall out of the Global Financial Crisis. She began her finance career in 2005 as a structurer in the asset backed financing group at Credit Suisse, having joined under a special winter internship program and never looked back.

Folake is deeply passionate about propelling small businesses for under-represented minorities across the African diaspora. She is an advisor board member for Little Tigers Football Club, and Investment Eight, an initiative to dispel the fears around finance and encourage women in Africa into investing.

Folake earned a BEng Hons in Computer Systems Engineering and a postgraduate in Financial Mathematics at Cass Business School, London.