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EDUCATION

CATÓLICA LISBON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

International Master of Science in Finance

Lisbon, Portugal

Sep 2024 – Jul 2027

- **Current Grade:** 17/20 (1.3 German) | Dean's List (Top 20%)
- **Relevant Coursework:** Advanced Corporate Finance, Empirical Finance, Financial Analysis & Forecasting, Firm Valuation, M&A, Private Equity
- Winning team in the university's "Deloitte x Católica Firm Valuation Competition"
- **Master Thesis:** "Equity Valuation of Nemetschek SE"

SKEMA BUSINESS SCHOOL

Exchange Student, Master in Management (Programme Grande École)

Raleigh, United States

Sep 2025 – Dec 2025

UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES OF THE GERMAN CENTRAL BANK

Dual Studies Bachelor of Science in Central Banking

Hachenburg, Germany

Apr 2019 – Apr 2022

- **Final Grade:** 11/15 (2.4 German)
- **Relevant Coursework:** Accounting & Valuation, Banking Supervision & Regulation, Corporate Finance, Derivatives, Financial Mathematics, Risk Management
- **Bachelor Thesis:** "The rediscovery of the special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) as an alternative to the regular IPO - a critical analysis"

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

SAXENHAMMER CLAIRFIELD

Mergers & Acquisitions Intern

Munich, Germany

Apr 2026 – Oct 2026

- Supported small- and mid-market buy-side, sell-side, and fundraising mandates across TMT, industrial tech, and healthcare, with EVs up to €40m
- Assisted in the creation of 10+ pitch decks, long lists, teasers, and acquisition target research
- Created the long list, teaser, and supplemental documents and marketing materials for Project Skyfall, a sell-side mandate for an HR compliance services provider with an EV of ca. €10m
- Supported valuation analyses including CCA, CTA, and DCF by gathering, compiling, and validating company and transaction data

YIELCO INVESTMENTS AG

Private Equity Intern

Munich, Germany

Jun 2025 – Sep 2025

- Assisted the investment team in the preparation of IMs, due diligence reports, and market reports of small- and mid-market PE fund investment opportunities across Europe and North America
- Created company profiles, presentations and supporting documents regarding potential co-investments for the investment committee, with target equity tickets in the range of €5m - €20m
- Maintained internal monitoring databases and prepared documents for quarterly LP reporting

ALPHA PUTTS UG

Founder and CEO

Bremen, Germany

Aug 2022 – Present

- Bootstrapped a company selling branded niche golf products from concept to market, owning sourcing, product development, and go-to-market and brand strategy
- Implemented a multi-channel sales strategy, achieving a total turnover of ca. €5,000
- Created diverse marketing and advertising materials for the brand and its products
- Managed client and content creator relationships, and secured a product partnership with the international whisky brand Bruichladdich (Rémy Cointreau Group)

DEUTSCHE BUNDESBANK

German Securities Holding Statistics Dept. (Analyst)

Frankfurt, Germany

Apr 2022 – Sep 2024

- Collected and validated securities holdings statistics submissions on both entity and group level
- Created and published various internal and publicly available securities holdings datasets
- Developed Python, Excel and Power BI applications, improving workflow efficiency and data quality

Seven Departments of the German Central Bank (Corporate Student Intern)

Frankfurt, Germany

Apr 2019 – Apr 2022

- Credit Analysis Dept.: assessed counterparties' creditworthiness through detailed review of income statements, balance sheets, business operations and underlying industry dynamics
- Foreign Exchange Dept.: researched FX market developments and published daily reports
- Banking Supervision Dept.: analyzed supervisory assessments and participated in supervisory talks

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: German (native), English (C2), Spanish (A2)

Technical Skills: PitchBook, MergerMarket, ORBIS, WRDS, LSEG Workspace, FactSet, MS Office, VBA, Power BI, Python

Certificates: GMAT, TOEFL, SIELE, Analyze Financial Data with Python, Financial Markets by Yale University

Interests: Financial Markets, Entrepreneurship, Culinary Arts, Hands-on Repairs, Fitness, Personal Development