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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame: Notre Dame, IN Spring 2024
Mendoza College of Business: Bachelor of Business Administration: Double Major in Finance and Economics
Notable Coursework: AIM LVIII

Collège Notre-Dame de Jamhour: Beirut, Lebanon Spring 2020
French Baccalaureate: General Sciences Section - Graduated with Highest Distinction

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

BMO Capital Markets: Chicago, IL Summer 2023
Investment Banking Summer Analyst

- Interned within the U.S. Mergers & Acquisitions group supporting several deal and pitch executions; accepted offer to return full-time after graduation
- Assisted in creating discussion materials and a financial model for a client considering strategic alternatives in the P&C insurance space
- Worked with the Industrials team to pitch a buy-side opportunity for a sponsor-owned company in the Industrial Technology industry

Student International Business Council (SIBC): Notre Dame, IN/Chicago, IL Fall 2022
Travel Team Leader – BMO Capital Markets Leveraged Buyout Advisory Project

- Led a team of ten underclassmen through the potential leveraged buyout of Ducommun Incorporated (NYSE: DCO)
- Recommended an acquisition with an IRR of 21.5% and a MOIC of 3.21x, financed with 43% of debt

Travel Team Member – Credit Suisse Leveraged Buyout Advisory Project Spring 2022

- Analyzed the potential leveraged buyout of Harley-Davidson Inc. (NYSE: HOG)
- Performed extensive due diligence by researching the motorcycle industry's trends, outlooks, and competitive forces

Travel Team Member – EY Strategic Consulting Project Fall 2021

- Evaluated Lime's e-scooter business and identified the core issues related to its customer experience
- Presented the team's slide deck to the EY Business Transformation and Digital Strategy Consulting - Chicago Team

Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB): Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Summer 2022
Investment Banking and Asset Management Intern

- Studied the evolution of benchmark indices' concentration and composition by sector and location for the MSCI ACWI, FTSE 250, and LEGATRUU fixed income index
- Researched 3rd party mutual funds in the energy sector via Morningstar to expand the bank's offerings to its private clients
- Prepared a market update presentation for a client in the pipeline for a DCM transaction

Excelsa Holding: Beirut, Lebanon Summer 2021
Private Equity Intern

- Modeled a complete underwriting report of a potential multifamily acquisition located in North Carolina
- Updated quarterly investor presentations for Excelsa's development projects in Algeria
- Analyzed the comparable sales and rents of three retail spaces recently acquired by the firm in Maryland to determine their maximum potential rent using CoStar

Porsche Centre Lebanon: Beirut, Lebanon Summer 2019
Summer Intern

- Gained an understanding of business processes while working in different divisions of the company, including the sales department, the customer relations management department (CRM), and the workshop
- Assisted the marketing manager with her day-to-day tasks and learned about the marketing strategies used by the company to reach their sales objectives

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Jubilee Initiative for Financial Inclusion (JIFFI): South Bend, IN Fall 2021 - Present
Chief Portfolio Officer

- Led a group of 21 student volunteers in both the Loan and Credit & Risk divisions
- Managed an outstanding loan portfolio of over \$25,000 and coordinated disbursements and repayment scheduling
- Conducted weekly loan committee meetings assessing new loan applicants' risk profiles and made final disbursement decision

Le Cercle Français – Notre Dame French Club: South Bend, IN Fall 2021 - Present
Board Member

- Coordinated monthly cultural events (Le Café Français, La Messe en Français) in conjunction with the French department
- Established a club mentorship program for French speakers to practice the language with other students

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Countries of Citizenship: United States of America, France, Lebanon

Languages: Native or bilingual proficiency: Arabic | French | English

Interests: Traveling | Mediterranean Cuisine | Mechanical Watches | Hiking | Table Tennis | Electric Cars | Photography | *Rubik's Cube*