

What advice would you give to someone considering an opportunity with Bank of America?

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What is your current assignment and primary responsibilities?

I work on the Equity Central Risk Desk and look after the index rebalancing product. In other words, I make sure the floor is kept updated when indices adjust to reflect the market at that time, as well as making sure tracking baskets are correctly hedged for such events. I also execute various special situation trades from simple sector pair trades to rights issue arbitrage trades. We also frequently deal with clients on risk across the European equity universe in varying sizes from \$50k to \$4mm and handle the unwinding of that risk.

What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

The variety of different mandates the desk deals with on a daily basis. We always have to be switched on during the day as it can be very intense and there's a need to adapt to a variety of challenges. We frequently have to tackle numerous different tasks from creating an index rebalancing model to manually trading a spread, simultaneously.

I remain here because...?

I get on extremely well with the people in my team and thoroughly enjoy the responsibility that I'm given. The potential to learn new things daily is huge, and I feel there's so much more I can absorb. The franchise is strong in the European equities space, which is a big bonus.

What advice would you give to someone considering an opportunity at Bank of America?

Definitely explore the opportunity – attend the many recruiting events specially designed for that purpose, read around the industry and the economy and apply for an internship to get a flavour for the business.

Describe your experience and the value of your internship.

I spent ten weeks on a Global Markets Summer Internship. We spent one week learning about the different asset classes in the classroom and spent the other nine weeks on the floor, equally divided between foreign exchange and equity trading. Proved to be a great opportunity to work on both the fixed income and equity floors and gave an amazing first hand insight of the business. The opportunity to compare and contrast the two different markets was fascinating.

What other activities do you enjoy outside of your work day?

I was born and grew up in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, before moving to the UK. I'm a big sports fan; play and watch football on a frequent basis.

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