

# Lennart John Baals

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## Professional Experience

<b>Centuros Consult GmbH</b> <i>Junior Consultant working in the field of corporate restructuring and distressed M&amp;A Intern</i>	<b>Hamburg, Germany</b> 01/2020 – 05/2020 06/2019 – 09/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Collaboration and support in projects and M&amp;A (Mergers &amp; Acquisitions) processes.</li><li>▪ Creation of PowerPoint slides for an expert opinion according to IDW S6.</li><li>▪ Preparation of teasers and information memorandums for distressed M&amp;A projects.</li><li>▪ Independent information research and data processing of company figures, including OPOS lists, debtors/creditors, and personnel key figures.</li><li>▪ Assistive activities in creating company analyses, e.g., SIPOC or Porter's Five Forces.</li><li>▪ Market and competitive analysis for the respective projects.</li><li>▪ Analysis and evaluation of market studies in the respective industries of company clients.</li></ul>	
<b>FALK GmbH &amp; Co KG, Heidelberg</b> <i>Intern</i>	<b>Heidelberg, Germany</b> 07/2016 – 08/2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Preparation of annual financial statements for corporations and documentation of creation documents.</li><li>▪ Preparation of liquidation opening balances for corporations.</li><li>▪ Collaboration in cash audits in insolvency proceedings.</li><li>▪ Processing and research of sales tax and insolvency law issues.</li><li>▪ Literature research on tax law questions.</li></ul>	

## Education

<b>Bern University of Applied Science/University of Twente</b> <i>Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D, Quantitative Finance and Risk Management</i>	<b>Switzerland/The Netherlands</b> 12/2022 – today
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) under the Project “Network-based Credit Risk Models in P2P Lending Markets”, Project ID: 100019E-205487</li><li>▪ Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Jörg Osterrieder</li></ul>	
<b>University of Dublin, Trinity College</b> <i>Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D, Finance</i>	<b>Dublin, Ireland</b> 09/2021 – 11/2022
<i>Achievement of the academic degree Master of Science (1:1)</i>	
<i>30.10.2021</i>	
<b>University of Dublin, Trinity College</b> <i>Trinity Business School, Master in Finance</i>	<b>Dublin, Ireland</b> 09/2020 – 08/2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Master Thesis: “On the Diversifier, Hedge, and Safe-Haven Properties of Cryptocurrencies: Evidence from Range-Based GARCH Models.”</li></ul>	
<i>Achievement of the academic degree Bachelor of Science (2:2)</i>	
<i>17.12.2018</i>	
<b>University of Mannheim</b> <i>Mannheim Business School, Bachelor in Business Administration.</i>	<b>Mannheim, Germany</b> 09/2015 – 12/2018
<b>University of Dublin, Trinity College</b> <i>Erasmus Semester abroad</i>	<b>Dublin, Ireland</b> 09/2017 – 12/2017
<i>Achievement of the Abitur (Grade: 1.5)</i>	
<i>10.7.2015</i>	
<b>Stadtteilschule Blankenese</b> <i>Gymnasial High School</i>	<b>Hamburg, Germany</b> 08/2012 – 07/2015

Graduate of the 2013/2015 Young Academy

08/2013 – 07/2015

## Professional Contributions

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Journal Reviewer for *International Review of Financial Analysis* (ABS 3)

10/2021 – today

*Finance Research Letters* (ABS 2)

12/2022 – today

## Student Commitment

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### University of Dublin, Trinity College

Dublin, Ireland

*Doctoral Assistant for the Database Management at Trinity Business School*

09/2021 – 11/2022

- Management and query dealing of content-based inquiries from bachelor and master students with regards to the databases of Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters Eikon, and Standard & Poor's Capital IQ.

## Publications

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- Yizhi Wang, Florian Horky, Lennart J. Baals, Brian M. Lucey & Samuel A. Vigne (2022) Bubbles all the way down? Detecting and date-stamping bubble behaviours in NFT and DeFi markets, *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*, 20:4, 415-436, DOI: 10.1080/14765284.2022.2138161

## Conferences / Presentations

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- Paper entitled “Towards a Research Agenda on the Financial Economics of NFTs” at the CryptoAssets and Digital Asset Investment Conference at Rennes Business School, April 7-8 2022
- “Towards a Research Agenda on the Financial Economics of NFTs” at the 1<sup>st</sup> Conference on International Finance, Sustainable and Climate Finance and Growth (CINSC) at the Università degli Studi di Napoli ‘Parthenope’, June 12-14 2022

## Thesis Supervision

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- Supervision of a Bachelor thesis titled: “Sustainable Equities and their Sensitivity to Interest Rates: An Analysis of Investor Behaviour in Crisis”

## Teaching Experience

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- Teaching assistant in the Trinity MBA program for the module BU7031 “Entrepreneurial Finance” taught by Professor Bill Cockrum, UCLA Anderson School of Management. Teaching activities related to assessing and grading student work. Furthermore, supporting the teaching team surrounding Professor Cockrum in the organisation of the module.
- External tutor in the Columbia Master program ‘Management Science and Engineering’ for COST 1 group tutorials supervised by Professor Dr. Ali Hirsa, Columbia University. Mentoring a group of students (4-8) in their process of applying coding techniques and modelling skills to research projects related to AI, finance, and risk analysis.

## Skills

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- Languages: German, fluent, English fluent, Spanish, basic level, French, basic level
- Programming: Python (intermediate), R (intermediate)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Specialisation courses in Financial Engineering and Risk Management (Columbia University)

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