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Professional Experience

Centuros Consult GmbH

Hamburg, Germany

Junior Consultant working in the field of corporate restructuring and distressed M&A Intern

01/2020 – 05/2020

06/2019 – 09/2019

- Collaboration and support in projects and M&A (Mergers & Acquisitions) processes.
- Creation of PowerPoint slides for an expert opinion according to IDW S6.
- Preparation of teasers and information memorandums for distressed M&A projects.
- Independent information research and data processing of company figures, including OPOS lists, debtors/creditors, and personnel key figures.
- Assistive activities in creating company analyses, e.g., SIPOC or Porter's Five Forces.
- Market and competitive analysis for the respective projects.
- Analysis and evaluation of market studies in the respective industries of company clients.

FALK GmbH & Co KG, Heidelberg

Heidelberg, Germany

Intern

07/2016 – 08/2016

- Preparation of annual financial statements for corporations and documentation of creation documents.
- Preparation of liquidation opening balances for corporations.
- Collaboration in cash audits in insolvency proceedings.
- Processing and research of sales tax and insolvency law issues.
- Literature research on tax law questions.

Education

Bern University of Applied Science/University of Twente

Switzerland/The Netherlands

Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D., Quantitative Finance and Risk Management

12/2022 – today

- Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) under the Project “Network-based Credit Risk Models in P2P Lending Markets”, Project ID: 100019E-205487
- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Jörg Osterrieder

University of Dublin, Trinity College

Dublin, Ireland

Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D., Finance

09/2021 – 11/2022

Achievement of the academic degree Master of Science (1:1)

30.10.2021

University of Dublin, Trinity College

Dublin, Ireland

Trinity Business School, Master in Finance

09/2020 – 08/2021

- Master Thesis: “On the Diversifier, Hedge, and Safe-Haven Properties of Cryptocurrencies: Evidence from Range-Based GARCH Models.”

Achievement of the academic degree Bachelor of Science (2:2)

17.12.2018

University of Mannheim

Mannheim, Germany

Mannheim Business School, Bachelor in Business Administration.

09/2015 – 12/2018

University of Dublin, Trinity College

Dublin, Ireland

Erasmus Semester abroad

09/2017 – 12/2017

Achievement of the Abitur (Grade: 1.5)

10.7.2015

Stadtteilschule Blankenese

Hamburg, Germany

Gymnasial High School

08/2012 – 07/2015

Professional Contributions

Journal Reviewer for <i>International Review of Financial Analysis</i> (ABS 3)	10/2021 – today
<i>Finance Research Letters</i> (ABS 2)	12/2022 – today

Student Commitment

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

- 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

- 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 1st 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

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

Teaching Experience

- 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

- 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)

Bern, 06th February 2024

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