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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to recommend Mr. Diogo Gil for admission to the Master's in Finance program at Nova School of Business and Economics.

Diogo was a student in two of my courses at the University of Lisbon, Analytical Mechanics and Computational Physics. What distinguishes Diogo is the breadth and coherence of his academic and professional path. He completed a Bachelor's in Physics with a minor in Computer Engineering, a combination that has given him solid foundations in quantitative reasoning, problem-solving, and programming.

During my classes, Diogo stood out for his perseverance. He may not have been among the top-performing students, but he consistently showed interest in understanding the conceptual and computational aspects of the material, especially where they intersected with real-world applications. His motivation was clear, and he was always eager to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

What I find most compelling in Diogo's profile is the combination of scientific training, coding skills, and a genuine interest in Finance. His current internship at BNP Paribas, along with his previous experience in quantitative risk modeling and dashboard development, demonstrate both his technical capacity and his commitment to the field. I believe this combination will allow him to approach financial problems with a structured, analytical mindset and a level of quantitative rigor that sets him apart from more conventional profiles.

I am confident that Diogo will benefit greatly from the academic and professional ecosystem at Nova SBE, and that his curiosity, adaptability, and interdisciplinary background will enable him to contribute meaningfully to the program and beyond.

I am available to provide further information if required.

Yours sincerely,

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