

Altana Wealth – Equities Analyst Internship Assignment





1. What is something you do differently than anyone else you know, and why?

- My focus when it comes to solving problems is people's emotions and behaviour, not just numbers like it is traditionally in finance. During my Dare Trading internship at our sale and trading simulation, my response wasn't just reactive to the price market fictively displays. I acted on my competitors' desperation to buy or sell, predicting their emotions to pressure, which led to their future moves. Using fear and urgency to my advantage, I was able to stack the odds in my favour, buying while everyone was frantically selling and vice-versa. Having this mindset is what helped me win the competition and receive an offer.
- I developed this approach because I grew up idolizing investors like George Soros and Stanley Druckenmiller, who were adept at market behaviour, not just fundamentals. The way they could predict crowd psychology and profit from market sentiment encouraged me to look at things beyond traditional mechanics. In either case, the demand for human understanding will always be paramount to financial metrics because human psychology is the same, and in high-stakes settings where emotions lead to the biggest prizes, emotional acuity can be the difference between success and failure.
- I put this one quality of mine at use not only in finance but in my life, which forced me to build my EQ and understand what people want, their vision of the world and their aspirations. Combined with constant envy to discover the world, I engage in my all the experience and angles from all the people I have met locally but most importantly internationally leading me to expand my horizons. Moreover I always go to the root of the issues to get a better overall understanding coupled with my risk seeking attitude, I am never afraid to tackle new challenges and jump in the unknown.



Photo of my girlfriend and I visiting an Indian(Goa) Temple (Dec,2024)



2. If you could change one thing about the world what would that be?

- If I could change one thing in the world, it would be that all children, no matter where they come from, have access to quality education. Having grown up in Gabon, I have seen how inadequate learning resources can inhibit even the most promising young minds. Too many children, particularly in low-income communities and areas with limited resources, are not afforded the guidance or opportunities to help them realize their fullest potential. Thus, the cycle of untapped talent and stalled economic opportunity continues.



Primary school class photo in Gabon

- Teaching/education is not only learning facts or information; it is a matter of empowerment, critical thinking, and giving children all that they need to build their own future. In various parts of Gabon and the broader CEMAC region, I have witnessed brilliant, ambitious children give up on their dreams due to weak schooling systems, obsolete curricula, and a lack of mentorship. With the right support, these same children can be the next generation of entrepreneurs, scientists, and leaders spearheading Africa's development. Therefore, I believe that I have a duty being an international student in the UK to archive greatness and help children around the world.
- It is my belief in the transformative power of education that has prompted me to act. I have actively participated in fundraising initiatives for orphanages and youth programs, resulting in the enhancement of learning environments. But I think we also need to do more to inclusively teach financial literacy and financial technology earlier on. By educating children from an early age on how markets function, the need for investment, and problem-solving skills, their futures can drastically change, allowing them to escape economic confines.



3. If you were granted one wish or ability, what would that be?

- It was something of an Asian small-cap equity I was keen on, but all its documents were only available in Japanese. When asked what one thing I would want, one wish or superpower, there is only one thing I would want: to speak and understand all languages in the world. Don't be mistaken, language is not simply a communication tool; it is an opening to learn about other cultures, other ways of thinking, and different perspectives. My ultimate dream would be to have the ability to connect with any person in any part of the world, without any restrictions, and to gain meaningful experiences from all people that we come across.
- In finance and investment, where understanding people and markets is important, this ability would also be helpful. Since the world economy is highly interlinked, being able to understand different cultures and business practices will give me a bright advantage. The ability to communicate easily across borders would create tremendous opportunities, from closing deals to reading market sentiment. Aside from its benefits to my personal and professional life, this skill could enable me to grow understanding between those of different backgrounds. These are concepts that create barriers through miscommunication and cultural misunderstandings, but if we could all truly understand one another, the world would be a more connected and empathetic place. I wouldn't simply explore the world with this ability; I would absolutely experience it.
- I travel and explore new places because I love meeting people and hearing their stories. Whenever I travel to new countries, I become fascinated with how language influences how people express emotion, make business deals, and create social connections. Language barriers contribute to a distance that hinders my ability to immerse myself in diverse cultures. Were I able to speak to any person on the planet, I could have more interesting conversations with a street vendor in Tokyo, a trader in a busy souk in Marrakech, or a young entrepreneur in São Paulo.



Visit of a Central Asian(Kazakh) Ethnic Village(May,2024)



4. Who is your role model from public domain and why?

- My public role model is Octavius, or Augustus, the first Emperor of Rome. I admire so much his capacity to bring order to chaos, concentrate power while preserving stability, and project the future of an empire. The heart of Octavius lies not in his martial prowess but in his strategic prowess: leadership, vision, and adaptability. He received a divided Rome after Julius Caesar's murder and, with the help of shrewd diplomacy and unpopular choices, created one of history's true long-lasting empires. His mastery of the political arts was not just about exercising power; it was about people, their feelings, and the forces that shape them throughout society. His knack for when to be ruthless and when to backtrack is one that I have found resonates in me, particularly in finance and investment, where reading the market and predicting behaviour is paramount.
- I love how Octavius cloaked aggression with pragmatism. Rather than just ruling through fear, he reinvented himself, dubbing himself "Princeps" (first citizen) instead of dictator, ensured loyalty, and maintained stability for decades to come. The move itself took a lot of strategic thinking — playing both short and long term which is something I try to implement in my decisions whether it be investing, leading, or personal growth.
- Moreover, Octavius knew where the future was heading. He constructed roads, modernized taxation, and fortified Rome's institutions, demonstrating that genuine governance derives not from the brute acquisition of power but from real change. I would like to replicate in my career his ability to plan ahead, control narratives, and react to changing conditions.
- Much like Octavius, I try to be strategic, disciplined, and ahead of the game, making sure that every move falls into the bigger picture, not only for personal gain, but long-lasting influence and stability.





5. What is your favourite AI Tool why? Please list your top 5 AI tools to watch for in 2025

My favourite AI tool is **Sider.ai** because it makes me more efficient at research, reading, and writing. As a persistent equity analyst, I regularly must digest a lot of financial reports, market news, and academic papers. Sider.ai enables me to summarize insights, generate contextual explanations, and even extract crucial information from dense materials. This is a priceless tool in raising productivity and keeping one step ahead in a very competitive, high-speed world.

RescueTime.com – Most Suitable for Work Optimization

Using artificial intelligence, RescueTime analyses the ways they spend time on digital activities and gives insights on productivity trends. By the year 2025, as we continue to work remotely and digital distractions are on the rise, AI-powered time management will become even more important. The finance and research professionals know that workflow optimization is the key to cutting out waste and staying ahead of the curve.

Helio (Blockchain Analysis AI) – Best for Crypto & Blockchain Insights

Helio is revolutionizing the ability to analyze blockchain activity, find trends, and do risk assessments as markets on the blockchain evolve at pace. As cryptocurrency adoption expands, unique AI tools that unlock the mysteries of blockchain data and identify anomalies will be vital assets for traders, analysts, and investors.

Paperpal.com – The Best Source for Academic & Research Help

Paperpal made for students, analysts, and researchers is an automatic tool that improves writing quality, helps with correct citations, and assists with structuring academic work. With the growing field of AI research, a tool that refines academic content and research papers will be indispensable in 2025.

Mindgrasp.ai – Best for Retaining Knowledge & Learning

Mindgrasp.ai — Your AI tutor that summarizes books, articles, and even lectures to improve learning efficiency. This is paramount as we drown in data every day, be it students or professionals, we need tools that can help make learnings seamless and insights that are personalized.

Grammarly – The Best For Writing & Communication

Grammarly, an AI tool to improve writing clarity, tone, and accuracy, is still a must-have. In a world where we are all constantly having to communicate (through emails, reports, or presentations), there is a constant need for AI assistance to make the language concise and professional.



6. How would you solve the climate change challenge?

- Today, one of the greatest but widely neglected drivers of climate change is over-consumerism, the ever-growing human ambition for goods and services, which results in runaway production, excessive waste, and carbon emissions. We can recommend a change in consumption habits to combat climate change by using data and technology to push for change at the systemic level. Let's continue on the same note of our AI discussion.
- More Waste through Smart Consumption & AI
If things do not change, global waste production is projected to rise 70% by 2050. Fashion accounts for 10% of global carbon emissions, while 8-10% of annual greenhouse gas emissions come from food waste. AI will come in multiple forms; we could see platforms using AI to optimize purchasing decisions, even data to show consumers a narrative to improve their purchasing habits in real-time. This would be something like a carbon equivalent for consumer purchases, providing the consumer with the intention to act on the cause and to minimize the overall carbon footprint throughout their transaction history. AI-powered supply chain analytics capabilities would also allow firms to track their own environmental impact and identify areas in need of improvement, such as optimizing the supply chain to reduce production waste or carbon emissions.
- Let's take a deep dive into the new technology with financial incentives to become more sustainable. There are economic models that prove that carbon pricing is an effective tool to reduce emissions, provided it is implemented correctly. Countries with existing carbon taxes have experienced emission reductions (for example, emissions in Sweden have decreased by 27 percent since 1991, while the economy has continued to grow). Green investment platforms would utilize AI to facilitate sustainability reward systems where both consumers and companies are recognized for their efforts. An example would be providing a reward system for carbon credit trading.
- Decentralized Energy & Smart Grids Energy efficiency is not only essential, it's an urgent need; global energy demand is projected to increase by 47% from now to 2050. Smart grids powered by AI can enhance electricity distribution, minimizing waste and seamlessly incorporating renewable sources. Countries such as Germany have managed a 40% emissions reduction since 1990 by investing heavily in smart grid technology and renewables. These models can be extended to developing countries, especially in Central Africa (CEMAC) and other regions in Africa, to make clean energy sustainable while simultaneously fueling economic growth.
- Business Model: Regenerative instead of mass production We should move from the linear economy (take-make-dispose) to a circular economy where products are made to last, to be repaired, or to be recycled. In fact, a transition to circular systems in global industries could reduce global emissions by 39%. With the help of AI and blockchain technologies, the life cycle of the product can be tracked, which will ensure accountability in companies for sustainable production and waste management.



7. Do you have any resources recommendations of your own?

Here are two additional recommendations for resources that would benefit anyone pursuing a career in the Financial Services industry:

- **MacroVar** – Marketplace Analysis and Risk
<https://macrovar.com/>

MacroVar is an advanced AI-driven macroeconomic analysis, market forecasting, and risk management platform. It offers essential features such as real-time economic indicators, correlations of assets, and financial risk monitoring, allowing investors and analysts to make data-driven decisions.

Key Benefits:

- *Monitors over 500+ global macroeconomic indicators.*
- *AI powered trend detection all instruments in stocks, bonds, commodities, and FX markets.*
- *Helps hedge funds, portfolio managers, and traders predict market moves ahead of time.*
- *Hands-on for the quantitative investor, global macro strategist, or risk manager.*

- **The Investors Podcast Network** – Detailed Explanations of Investment Strategies
www.theinvestorspodcast.com.

This is probably one of the best educational platforms for finance professionals, covering investing, portfolio management, and financial markets with depth through podcasts, analysis, and case studies. Specializing in value investing, macroeconomics, and behavioral finance, the podcast draws on commentary from legendary investors (Warren Buffett, Ray Dalio, Stanley Druckenmiller) that tackle these subjects.

Key Benefits:

- *Covers some fundamental and macro investment strategies.*
- *Shares examples of investments and portfolio strategies in practice.*
- *Includes interviews with leading hedge fund managers and financial analysts.*
- *An asset for equity analysts, traders, and financial professionals seeking to enhance their market perspective.*

- **ALL IN Podcast** – High-Level Talks on Markets, Technology & Geopolitics
<https://www.allinpodcast.co/>

ALL IN is hosted by a group of elite venture capitalists and tech entrepreneurs and covers captivating conversations on economics, technology, geopolitics, and markets. This is especially relevant following the one industry we can look to that might have its own macro concerns, but there was only one that did as macro trends, policy, and industry all converged in opportunities, as we have to do in a market on fire and in industries doing disruptive movements.

Key Benefits:

- *Covers financial markets, venture capital, and global economic trends.*
- *Keynote talks on startups, AI, and technological disrupters in finance.*
- *Aids financial practitioners in identifying macro changes and investment themes across new sectors.*