MATTHEW GILBERT

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EXPERIENCE

Canada Pension Plan Investment Board

Analyst, Global Tactical Asset Allocation

March 2013 - Present Toronto, Ontario

- · Responsible for rebalancing systematic FX program (G10+EM). Involves monitoring trading signals as well as economic and geopolitical news, verifying model outputs to ensure actual behaviour is consistent with backtested results, and implementing and tracking discretionary overrides where necessary. Had a similar role for Global Equities portfolio previously.
- · Worked with Portfolio Manager to test new, and modify existing, value and sentiment based FX trading signals. Validated and integrated new research into live trading environment. Recent projects included: analysing actual factor performance and robustness with respect to assumed and achieved purchase prices (execution slippage) to identify problems with signals for higher turnover trading; researching and implementing a terms of trade based G10 FX value model; implementing and validating several G10 FX carry signal variations.
- · Rewrote trading strategies in conjunction with the team's refactoring of the production rebalancing system. New design represented the strategy using a directed graph, implemented in JSON. Design improved transparency of the strategy work flow, flexibility of portfolio construction methodology, operational overhead, and error tracing.

Canada Pension Plan Investment Board

Intern, Global Tactical Asset Allocation

May 2012 - August 2012 Toronto, Ontario

- · Backtested and cross-validated output with research results for a currency trading signal which times reversion to a value anchor. Implemented production code.
- · Developed functionality of internal univariate backtesting toolbox.

EDUCATION

Waterloo University, Waterloo, Canada

December 2012

Master of Quantitative Finance

Thesis Paper: An Analysis of Risk Arbitrage Probabilities

Overall GPA: 88%

Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

May 2011

B.S. in Applied Mathematics & Engineering

Overall GPA: 86%

Keyser Prize for best undergraduate thesis project and presentation

Thesis Paper: Region Tracking Over an Image Sequence

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages

Matlab, R, Python. Familiar with SQL, hdf5, q, c, bash, Linux

Languages English, French