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**Chicago Trading Company (CTC)**  
London, UK

Dear Hiring Team,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in the Quant Trading Associate Internship at Chicago Trading Company (CTC) for the summer of 2025. With a deep-rooted passion for financial markets and a strong background in quantitative analysis, I am eager to immerse myself in CTC’s dynamic trading environment and contribute to your team’s success.

Having lived and studied across Germany, South Korea, and France, I have developed a global perspective on financial markets. My academic journey at ESSEC Business School, where I am majoring in Financial Markets, has provided me with a solid foundation in economics and finance. In 2025, I will be pursuing a double degree in Applied Mathematics at Fundação Getulio Vargas in Brazil, which will further enhance my quantitative and analytical capabilities. My fascination with trading stems from the intellectual challenge and excitement of navigating complex markets. I thrive on solving intricate problems and leveraging quantitative models to identify market opportunities. This passion was further ignited during my presidency at KRYPTOSPHERE® ESSEC, where I spearheaded initiatives in blockchain technology, derivatives, and Python programming for quantitative finance. These experiences have honed my ability to think critically, act decisively under pressure, and collaborate effectively with diverse teams.

CTC’s commitment to innovation, ethical excellence, and collaborative culture deeply resonates with me. The firm’s forward-thinking approach to trading and its emphasis on teamwork align perfectly with my professional aspirations. I am particularly drawn to CTC’s mission of helping the world price and manage risk, and I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to this mission as part of your Quant Trading Associate team in London. Moreover, the chance to engage with CTC’s industry-leading professionals and participate in your rigorous training programs, such as the Basics of Options and Quant Curriculum classes, is a thrilling prospect. I am confident that this internship will provide me with the perfect platform to deepen my understanding of quantitative trading and make meaningful contributions to your team.

Sincerely,  
**Stanislas Michel**