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Personal Statement

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am very pleased to enclose a personal statement which confirms a provisional expression of interest in joining the **Worshipful Company of International Bankers (WCIB)** as an Open University distance learning postgraduate student. I am looking forward to being considered, admitted and hopefully eventually welcomed, formally as a paid-up student member to this prestigious livery company of the City of London Corporation, not so I can be rewarded in a material way, but because I have a sincere passion that transcends the professional interests I have outlined below and in my application for membership to WCIB (i.e. Derivatives Regulation in Financial Services). As we enter a new year, I would like to share comparable career experiences with others in my position who are similarly passionate about the cause of impact. I have notified my sponsor who is available upon request to support my application.

My eligibility for this student membership opportunity is as a former Data Analyst at Societe Generale in its Bishops Square offices between May 2014 and Feb 2015 (Postcode: E1 6EG). I am now a Managing Partner at Essex Partners, and Managing Director at IBR Group International Holdings Ltd. What can I say about my passion for Global Derivatives Regulation? My passion began when I successfully interviewed for a role at SunGard Financial Systems as a PTD client services graduate and has become more and more specific. It has led me to encounter a reflective manner of knowledge acquisition over time. Firstly, I have flirted with academic models and formulae which characterise Corporate Finance (CAPM, Black-Scholes, Ito's Lemma) and the regulatory environment which accompanies banking industry practice from a Western perspective (MiFID, EMIR, Post-Trade Technology, and Global Markets) in a meaningful way that I believe creates positive impact.

As the Managing Director of the IBR Group International Holdings Ltd I help advise international infrastructure finance (debt) clients in EMEA on critical aspects concerning their Human Resource Management needs. This passion has grown, from a brief question I asked at the end of an SEO London training day presentation at Goldman Sachs' office in Central London, while I was still an undergraduate, to a series of 1-2-1 interviews I co-ordinate with experienced senior professionals on everything from climate action to sustainable development. To this end, I maintain a consistent presence on platforms such as Substack.com, where I receive over 10,000¹ e-mail opens a month for my industry-focused newsletter, where I disseminate press content on executive appointments throughout the infrastructure industry. I am very carefully selective of those who I bestow the privilege of an interview for online distribution.

¹ An estimate of e-mail activity taken from Substack in May 2023.

Secondly, *charitability* has become a component of my interest and a separate passion. As an alumnus of Societe Generale CIB in London and a member of [Harris Futures' Alumni Network](#), I already enjoy attending charitable fundraisers in support of my old school in Peckham and fellow Federation schools across the country. I enjoy discussing how it may be possible to support Harris pupils with important donations that can aid their education. Attending an WCIB charity event may be one way of achieving a successful outcome in this regard.

I am a paid student member of various other organisations, including (but not exclusive to) the Recruitment and Employment Confederation, the Chartered Institute for Personnel and Development and lastly, the Royal Economic Society. Furthermore, as part of the UK Labour Party, I am a student member of the Fabian Society and other Labour affiliate organisations which support affordable and social housing (shared ownership, preserved right to buy etc.), where I occasionally contribute policy essays and other types of informal authorship.

I greatly appreciate and look forward to engaging more closely with you and the company's Assistant Clerk during this application process.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alfred', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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