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EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis (WashU)

St. Louis, MO, USA

M.S. in Finance, Quantitative

Sep 2023 – Dec 2024

- GPA: 3.95/4.00, Rank 2/89
- Honors: All-semester Dean's List, Beta Gamma Sigma Award, Charles F. Knight Scholar (Expected)
- Coursework: Continuous-Time Finance (Ph.D. Level), Stochastic Calculus, Exotic & Fixed Income Derivative Pricing, SQL, Asset Pricing, Python & R Machine Learning, LASSO, GARCH & Risk Management, Corporate Finance I & II

The University of Hong Kong (HKU)

Hong Kong

B.S. in Economics and Finance

Sep 2017 – May 2021

- GPA: 3.41/4.00, Rank top 35%, Awarded 2:1 Distinction, HKU Reaching Out Award (C.V. Starr Scholarship)
- Admitted based on achieving top 0.07% province-ranking (143rd / 200,000) in National College Entrance Exam (Gaokao)

Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)

Paris, France

Scholarship-Awarded Exchange Student

Jan 2020 – May 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis Research Intern

St. Louis, MO, USA

May 2024 - Present

- Selected Project: Real-time Political Speech Sentiment Signal Tool to Reflect on Market Movements
 - $\circ\quad Developed\ a\ Selenium\ Chrome-driver\ scraper\ to\ automatically\ extract\ U.S.\ congressional\ hearing\ scripts$
 - o Fine-tuned BERT Topic Model and its sub-models to implement topic classification of the congressional hearing database
 - Highlighted instances where political speeches have high potential to influence market behavior
 - o Built an anomaly detection model on sentiment trends to flag moments where sentiment sharply deviates from baseline
 - o Created an automated alert mechanism triggered by specific keywords, phrases, or sentiment shifts against fiscal and monetary policies, to enable rapid responses to market-moving and short-term trading opportunities
- Overlaid UK budget announcement shock with market data to visualize how certain event statements or sentiment trends coincide with market price changes, supporting research project on fiscal shock omitted variable bias (OVB)

Privium Fund Management

Hong Kong

Portfolio Manager – US\$ 200M Option Selling Strategy

Apr 2022 - Dec 2022

- Executed strategy on index and equity options, minimizing slippage and maximizing premiums with algorithmic trading
- Integrated transaction costs, stop-loss mechanisms, and market impact analysis to guarantee accurate performance metrics
- Applied risk models (Barra, Black-Litterman, Axioma, Greeks) for portfolio optimization and ensuring risk alignment
- Managed liquidity and order book dynamics, performed portfolio stress testing to assure portfolio robustness

Yong Rong Asset Hong Kong

Junior Trader – US\$ 50M High Conviction Sub-fund

Jun 2021 – Jan 2022

- Participated in trading activities concentrating on equities in the U.S. space, remote sensing and agriculture industries
- Supported strategic asset allocation, utilized Microsoft VBA to streamline and automate maintenance of trading scripts
- Drafted comprehensive research memos for remote sensing, satellite industry, and Hong Kong machinery sectors

Peak Global Investments

Hong Kong

Private Equity Intern

Sep 2020 – May 2021

- Researched cryptocurrency exchanges across Asia and Europe, liaised with senior executives to prepare for acquisitions
- Analyzed client pain points and formulated pitch decks for management team in business development presentations
- Collaborated with world's largest crypto exchange, utilized API to assess targets' trading volumes and their authenticity

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Microstructure-Informed End-of-Day Frequency Trading Strategy

St. Louis, MO, USA

Trading Strategy Design

Oct 2024 - Present

- Currently developing a proprietary end-of-day (EoD) frequency trading strategy, leveraging market microstructure analysis to predict immediate price movements and execute rapid trades in the U.S. equities market
- Predicted short-term price movements, optimized code for low-latency execution, back-tested using EOD dataset

Hull-White Model Calibration for At-the-Money Caplets and Caps

St. Louis, MO, USA

GitHub Repository: github.com/fredhli/Hull-White-Caplet-Calibration

Mar 2024 – May 2024

■ Implemented closed-form and Monte-Carlo based price solutions to optimize Hull-White model parameters against Caplet market data, achieving high accuracy in long-maturity cap pricing > 15 years with less than 3% function value loss

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Certificates CFA Level I, HKSFC Type-9 Asset Management License

Teaching
Research
RA for: Options, Futures and Derivative Securities (Undergraduate); Behavioral Finance (Graduate)
RA for: Research on PEVC-backed companies – under Prof. Minmo Gahng, Cornell University
NGO Marketing Director, Soap Cycling HKU; Volunteer Teacher, Beyond the Pivot HKU

Programming Proficient in Python, R, SQL, Git, VBA, LaTeX; Intermediate in Stata, MATLAB; Basic in JavaScript Hong Kong SAR (Permanent Citizenship), Canada (OWP with Citizenship Assurance), USA (OPT)