

Kateryna Tarasova

ktarasova.mfa2021@london.edu | +44 7511 5030 02

EDUCATION

London Business School, MSc in Financial Analysis

2020 – 2022

- Modules in Corporate Finance, Data Analytics, Mergers and Acquisitions, Securities Valuation and Financial Modelling.

Imperial College London, MEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Management

2015 – 2020

- Achieved 2:1 Honours degree, received “First Year Electrical Engineering Group Project Prize”.
- **Major degree projects:** Final year dissertation on “Simulation of Quantum Tunnelling”; Development of an innovative wearable spinal kinematics monitoring device for NHS (78.6% for final Year 3 project), prototype successfully validated at Charing Cross Hospital; Design and development of a pill dispensing robot for elderly people in a team of 5, pitched the product to potential investors.
- Specialisation in Sustainable Electrical Systems (Renewable Energy), Power Systems, Semiconductors, Optoelectronics.

ACS Cobham International School, International Baccalaureate (Bilingual Diploma)

2011 – 2015

- IB score: 40/45, UCAS points: 650, Head of School Award for academic excellence, top student in IB Russian Literature and IB German.
- After a maths assessment was placed into a AP Calculus class with graduating students, who were 3-4 years older.
- **Graduated from 2 schools with Honours** in 2 countries. Simultaneously attended school in Ukraine through remote study, completed 4 years of programme in 2 years. During exams often flew twice per week between the countries and learnt to handle pressure well.

WORK EXPERIENCE

I&U Group, Part-Time Analyst

March 2020 – July 2020

- Assisted CFO of a Ukrainian agricultural holding in developing a long-term operating and financing model/plan for the recently commissioned 6MW biogas plant financed by EBRD.
- Conducted financial and statistical analysis of various crop cultures to help optimise sowing decisions for the next year.
- Produced an internal research piece titled: “Oligopolistic characteristics of the sugar-producing market in central Ukraine”.

J.P.Morgan, Investment Banking Summer Analyst

June 2019 – August 2019

- Prepared sections of marketing and pitch materials for potential M&A transactions within the CEEMEA financial institutions group.
- Pitched a potential acquisition of an Irish commercial bank for a case-study and was commended for a thorough and extensive analysis.
- Performed comparables, synergies analyses, DDM/GGM valuations of companies for the case-study project.
- Independently researched and prepared a slide deck for a client on management incentive scheme solutions for their company.

Arm Holdings, Software Engineering Intern

July 2018 – September 2018

Britain's largest semiconductor and multinational software design company, global market dominant for microchips

- Conducted research on virtual reality by analysing mobile processor performance. Coded to automate processes and performed a detailed analysis with a clear **interpretation of statistical data**. Learnt to handle **large volumes of information effectively**.
- Presented **complex findings simply** to the whole group and by **considering the needs of the company and its clients convinced them** that the tool considered was not representative and shouldn't be used by Arm and its clients (Google, Samsung, Huawei).

Gryphon Emerging Markets, Summer Intern

July 2014 – August 2014

British boutique investment bank focused on CEE (Central and Eastern Europe) and North Africa

- Prepared pitch materials and carried out research on potential acquirers within European mobile and telecom industry.

LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK EXPERIENCE

Imperial College Finance Society, President

March 2018 – August 2019

- Managed one of the **UK's largest student societies** with > **2200 members** (**first female President** since its founding in 1999).
- Increased the budget of the society by pitching and negotiating financial contributions with potential sponsors, – **acquired > £20,000**.
- Collaborated with other London university leaders to co-organise **UK's largest national finance competition** called **UK Investment Banking Series** and **Europe's largest** student-led fintech conference **London Fintech Conference 2019**.
- Organised a finance trip to Hong Kong and coordinated events for our members at Goldman Sachs and J.P.Morgan Hong Kong offices.

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

- **The One to Watch Undergraduate of the Year Award Finalist (2019)** – got to the **top 8** students in the **UK** according to TARGETjobs.
- **Imperial Case Championship Winner (2019)** – won the main case-study competition at Imperial College London.
- **Hack-A-Project, Facebook (2018)** – selected to work on a software project at Facebook during their 8-week student programme.
- **Algothon, BlackRock (2018)** – group project on stock indices; was offered by BlackRock to continue working on the project with them.

PERSONAL SKILLS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- **Charity** – initiated and organised a trip in 2018 to the **frontline in the Donbass war zone** with a Ukrainian charity to deliver humanitarian aid, clothing, Easter presents and to provide moral support to the troops and locals; Raised > £1,500 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.
- **Piano** – graduated from a musical school (Grade 8) and won many regional piano competitions, such as the Young Virtuosos.
- **Ballroom Dancing** – danced professionally and competitively for 5 years. Still take lessons and enjoy training camps.
- **Model United Nations** – member of an official student delegation for the International Model United Nations Conference in Beijing, hence developed diplomacy, debating, persuading and public-speaking skills.

IT SKILLS

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), C++, Python, MATLAB.

LANGUAGES

Trilingual – Russian, Ukrainian and English; Intermediate – German (B1 level).

EXTRA COURSES

Oxford Fintech Programme (Aug – Oct 2019), LSE FM250: Finance Summer Programme (Jun 2018).