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Summary

- Senior portfolio strategist and researcher with 12+ years of experience across leading global institutions (GIC, ADIA, IMF, ECB).
- Specialized in quant market research, risk models and portfolio construction
- Manage a team of 6 people in global macro markets modeling and portfolio analytics

Professional Experience

GIC Lead Quant Strategist, Senior Vice-President, Global Markets Singapore, since 2023

- Quant market research on rates, FX, equity indices and commodities strategies.
- Quant models for portfolio analytics and asset allocation
 - Portfolio construction and risk models supporting over USD 100 bn in multi-asset portfolios management.
- Lead and mentor a team of six quants covering DM/EM rates, FX, commods & risk modeling.

ADIA Quant Researcher, Asset Allocation and Global Macro Abu Dhabi, 2022-2023

- Asset allocation and portfolio analytics supporting CIO's strategic and tactical allocation.
- Quant global market research on rates, FX and commodities strategies.

International Monetary Fund Financial Sector Expert Washington DC, 2016-2022

- Led modeling technical assistance missions to more than 30 countries (China, Korea, India, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Israel, Peru, etc.)
 - Supporting central banks operations via quantitative models (liquidity management, FX interventions, etc.)

European Central Bank Portfolio Manager and Market Operations Expert Frankfurt, 2013-2016

- Managed RMB and JPY reserve portfolios and supported QE market operations
 - Direct exposure to monetary policy implementation and large-scale macro programs

Education

Ph.D. Quantitative Macro & Finance, Peking University Beijing 2013

Entire curriculum completed in Chinese Mandarin in Beijing.

M.Sc. Quantitative Macro & Finance, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris-Saclay Paris 2009

First-ranked at France's national entrance exam (Normalien).

M.Sc. Mathematics and Statistics, ENSAE Paris Paris 2007

Undergrad (CPGE) Henri IV Paris 2005

Skills

- **Analytics:** Optimization, simulation, density modeling, machine learning, LLM applications
- **Programming:** Python (quant libraries, CI/CD, AWS), SQL, R
- **Data:** Bloomberg, Macrobond, CEIC, Wind, alternative datasets
- **Languages:** English (fluent), Chinese (conversational), French (native)

Python Packages

- Distributional GARCH model to design VaR-based FX Interventions for Central Banks, [varfxi repo](#)
- Density Forecasting for Macro Variables, [gar repo](#)
- Conditional Density Projection via Quantile Regressions, Resampling and Multifit Models, [quantproj repo](#)
- Robust Density Estimation via Over-Parametrized Gaussian Skewed Models, [robustdensity repo](#)
- Partial Least Squares Wrapper for Data Reduction based on Scikit, [plswrapper repo](#)
- Quantile Spacing - solving for quantile crossing, from Schmidt and Zhu (2016), [quantilespacing repo](#)
- Quantile Local Projections, [quantileproj repo](#)
- Granular Instrumental Variables - from Gabaix and Koijen (2020), [granulariv repo](#)
- Cluster Analysis Wrapper with Performance Metrics and Visualization Tools, [clusterwrapper repo](#)

Academic Research

- *Financial Conditions in Europe: Dynamics, Drivers, and Macroeconomic Implications*, [IMF WP \(2024\)](#)
- *Technology and the Geography of FX Markets*, [Journal of International Money and Finance \(2023\)](#)
- *FX Interventions: A Risk-Based Framework*, [IMF WP \(2020\)](#)
- *Predictive Density for Global Growth*, [IMF WP \(2020\)](#)
- *Growth at Risk: Applications in IMF Surveillance*, [IMF WP \(2019\)](#)
- *Can Countries Manage Their Financial Conditions Amid Globalization?*, [IMF WP \(2018\)](#)
- *Trading Without a View: Fast Trading, Entropy and Underreaction in the FX Market*, [ECB WP \(2018\)](#)
- *Household Savings in China : The Role of the Housing Market and Borrowing Constraints*, [BdF WP \(2014\)](#)

Policy Research

- *United Arab Emirates: TA Report - Liquidity Management and Forecasting*: [IMF TA report \(2022\)](#)
- *Jordan: TA Report - Forecasting Framework for Currency in Circulation*: [IMF TA Report \(2022\)](#)
- *House Price Synchronization: What Role for Financial Factors?*: [IMF GFSR \(2018\)](#)
- *Financial Conditions and Growth at Risk*: [IMF GFSR \(2017\)](#)
- *High-Frequency Trading, Information and Market Volatility: the Role of Dark Pools*: [ECB FSR \(2017\)](#)
- *The Role of Currency Invoicing for the Transmission of Exchange Rate Movements*: [ECB IRE \(2015\)](#)