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EDUCATION

Sciences Po Paris

Master in Finance and Strategy (M1 Currently)

Paris, France

2025 – 2027

ISCAE (Higher Institute of Commerce and Business Administration)

Master in Management (MIM), Major in Corporate Finance

Casablanca, Morocco

2022 – 2025

- Ranked 1st Business School in Morocco
- Master's Thesis:** *Debt Sizing and Structuring to Optimize Equity IRR under a Project Finance Structure (developed a simplified financial model for a Solar PV asset acquisition)* – Awarded 17/20 (A+) with jury congratulations
- Academic Performance:** Average GPA (Pre-master, M1, M2): **15.31/20 (A) – Ranked among top 3 of the school**
- Core Courses:** Business Valuation, Investment & Financing Decisions, Financial Analysis, Financial Accounting
- School Projects:** *CardMe* – Wireless Business Card Startup | Modeled business plan for Carrefour Marketplace launch (case study)

ENCG (National School of Business and Management)

Business School - Preparatory Cycle

Settat, Morocco

2020 – 2022

- Graduated valedictorian – Achieved the school's **highest semester GPA ever recorded** (17.49/20, A+)

Technical High School

Baccalaureate in Economic Sciences

Taza, Morocco

2019 – 2020

- Graduated valedictorian of the school with high distinction (A+)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Finance Analyst Intern – Synergy Consulting

New Delhi, India

Internship (6 months)

February 2025 – August 2025

- Participated in building and optimizing the financial model of 3,300 MW CCGT project in the UAE, including the integration of the EGR functionality, aligning the model with FAST modeling standards and performing case runs to assess impact on LCOE
- Implemented Equity IRR optimization strategies (DSRA prefund release, terminal value...) in the financial model of a 300 MW Solar PV project in Morocco, and answered the client queries on the model's assumptions and outputs
- Assisted in evaluating bids from three consortia for the development of a 400 MW Solar PV project in Morocco
- Prepared training presentations on Corporate and Project Finance modeling for a Moroccan government renewable energy entity
- Completed an intensive 2-months training program in Project Finance covering PF and PPP framework, financial modeling, financing structures (equity and debt sizing), tariff structures, risk management and sector knowledge

M&A Analyst Intern – Ecovis Advisory

Casablanca, Morocco

Internship (9 months)

April 2024 – December 2024

- Participated in databook preparation, business plan modeling, valuation modeling (DCF, trading comparables, precedent transactions, using Capital IQ), and scenario & sensitivity analysis on valuation outputs and investors' IRR, for transactions ranging from €3M to €150M across industry, logistics, agro-industry, agriculture and healthcare sectors
- Prepared and drafted proposals, teasers and information memorandums for multiple sell-side and buy-side transactions
- Contributed to the closing of an M&A transaction in the industrial sector (€25 million Equity-raising from Proparco and IFU)
- Contributed to the closing of a sell side M&A transaction in the logistics sector (Lavoie Express to Buildings & Logistic Services)

Accounting Assistant – Accounting Firm

Taza, Morocco

Internship (2 months)

June 2023 – July 2023

- Managed accounting, tax, payroll and legal tasks for SMEs and performed in-depth financial statements analysis

Finance and Legalities Manager – AIESEC

Settat, Morocco

Part time – Extracurricular activity (1 year)

July 2022 – July 2023

- Oversaw financial operations, including maintaining Cash Flow tracker, Income Statement, and Balance Sheet for our entity

SKILLS, INTERESTS

- Modeling** : CFI's Financial Modeling & Valuation Analyst (FMVA)® certification program candidate: DCF Valuation Modeling, Comparable Valuation Analysis, M&A Modeling, 3-Statement Modeling, Advanced Excel
- IT Skills** : Excel, PowerPoint and Word (advanced), Power BI (intermediate), VBA (for Macros), Capital IQ (advanced)
- Languages** : English (fluent), French (fluent), Arabic (native), Spanish (beginner)
- Interests** : Taekwondo (Black Belt), Swimming, Fitness, Reading