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EDUCATION

Ecole Polytechnique de Paris

Paris, France

Sep 2024 - Jun 2026

- Master of Science in Economics, Data Analytics, and Corporate Finance (EDACF)
 - Awarded the Scholarship of Excellence for an exceptional academic record two years in a row
 - GPA of 3.89/4.00 (A average) with coursework in Corporate Finance, Private Equity, and M&A

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

London, UK

Sep 2021 - Jun 2022

- Exchange Student within the Department of Finance

Brown University

Providence, RI, USA

Sep 2018 - Dec 2023

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Economics
 - GPA of 3.80/4.00 with coursework in Financial Institutions, Private Equity & Venture Capital, and Quantitative Finance
 - Capstone project: Researched banks' adaptation to fintech disruption, focusing on regulatory and strategic responses

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GP Bullhound

Paris, France

M&A Analyst Intern

Mar 2025 - Aug 2025

- Delivered client-ready materials (7 pitchbooks, 1 teaser, 1 IM, 5 board decks), supporting mandate wins and live deals
- Drove core analytical and execution workstreams, including valuation (trading/precedent comparables) and data room management, resolving 300+ buyer Q&A items to keep diligence on track
- *Selected transactions experience:*
 - **Telecom company (double buy-side M&A, ongoing)**
 - Built 6 peer set valuation benchmarks across two targets, producing ranges for IOIs
 - Mapped 120+ priority investors and secured c.15 NDAs / c.20 first meetings, driving a focused investor funnel
 - **EdTech company (sell-side M&A, ongoing)**
 - Owned revisions of the product section in a 100+ page IM and provided supporting input across other sections
 - Prepared 5 board presentations, highlighting valuation updates and process developments for ongoing transactions

Aliph Capital

Dubai, UAE

Private Equity Intern

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

- Sourced investment opportunities through market research and competitor analysis, building the firm's deal pipeline
- Executed due diligence on 4 acquisition targets, analysing industries, trends, market positions, and financial data
- Delivered 10+ high-stakes presentations, including pitchbooks, internal briefings, and LP targeted communication, driving engagement with key stakeholders
- *Selected transactions experience:*
 - **Product care company (majority buyout, \$11m, competitive offer)** – Ran comps/precedents to frame valuation and prepared IC pages that underpinned bid submission
 - **Pet care company (minority stake build-up, c.\$10m, closed)** – Evaluated market opportunities, informing strategic decisions and facilitating the company's expansion into KSA

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

180 Degrees Consulting

Brown University

Team Lead, Consultant

Oct 2020 - Sep 2023

- Led 4 projects in branding, expansion, and fundraising strategies, enhancing client engagement and teamwork
- **Selected project experience:** Structured and led a fundraising campaign for a nonprofit supporting at-risk youth, exceeding targets by 10%

SKILLS, INTERESTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Class representative for the M1 EDACF cohort (25 students) at Ecole Polytechnique de Paris
- **Competitive sport:** Represented Brown University at Taekwondo tournaments held at the Ivy League level
- **Skills:** Excel, PowerPoint (Advanced), Finance databases (Capital IQ, Mergermarket, Pitchbook, FactSet)
- **Languages:** French (Native); English (Fluent); Moroccan Dialect (Native); Arabic (Intermediate); Spanish (C2)
- **Interests:** Avid reader, recreational writer, and enthusiastic padel player