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EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BOOTH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Chicago, IL

Master of Business Administration

Sep 2024 - Jun 2026

- Alvin Baum Scholarship recipient; GMAT: 770 (99th percentile)
- Concentrations: *Applied Artificial Intelligence, Behavioral Science, Econometrics and Statistics, Finance*
- Member: Investment Management Group and Student Management Investment Fund (\$4MM+ AUM)
- 1st Place Winner at UNC Alpha Challenge Credit Pitch Competition representing Chicago Booth (Dec 2024)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Sep 2011 – May 2015

- Magna Cum Laude, GPA: 3.73/4.00, Dean's List
- Internship: Moore Europe Capital Management
- Study Abroad: *LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS– General Course in Economics*

EXPERIENCE

CAPITAL GROUP

Los Angeles, CA

Fixed Income Summer Associate

Jun 2025 – Aug 2025

- Identified relative value opportunities in high-yield land development bonds by analyzing public and private land developers, homebuilders' operating models, and new-home demand drivers, delivering 50+ bps of risk-adjusted spread pickup versus benchmark bonds of comparable duration.
- Built and presented a pricing framework for high-yield land-bond spreads – now used by 50+ analysts and portfolio managers – to quantify premiums for project-execution risk and asset collateralization rates.
- Guided restructuring strategy by modeling workout scenarios and foreclosure methods with debtors' counsel.
- Co-developed portfolio construction framework with traders through quantitative analysis of bond price reactions to market shocks, resulting in recommendation to overweight these asset-backed bonds during interest rate selloffs and liquidity shocks to capitalize on their steady performance profile.
- Engineered public and private convertible-rate bond structures with underwriters that aligned coupon step-downs with project milestones, improving total-return potential for investors and interest savings for issuers.

BEL AIR INVESTMENT ADVISORS

Los Angeles, CA

Credit Research Analyst

Mar 2018 – Jun 2024

Sole generalist directing credit investment decisions for \$3Bn+ fixed income SMA strategy that outperformed its benchmark by 15bps annualized. Covered 300+ IG & HY municipal and corporate bond issuers.

- Conducted fundamental credit analysis to present actionable investment reports to portfolio managers. Delivered 5-10bps of credit alpha by anticipating rating agency actions and exiting positions that later defaulted.
- Proactively pitched 100+ \$10mm+ new-issue deals with superior credit and structure profiles through continuous new-issue monitoring, generating consistent value-add opportunities each week.
- Produced timely investment recommendations for secondary market bond offerings, enabling portfolios to capture size and liquidity premiums while maintaining credit-risk discipline.
- De-risked \$200mm+ of assets within 9 months by evaluating and exiting high-risk positions across 75+ issuers.

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

Merrimack, NH

Fixed Income Research Associate

Jul 2015 – Feb 2018

Covered 100+ issuers across state and local governments, project finance, and US territories for \$2Bn of Fidelity's \$47Bn+ AUM municipal bond mutual funds, including Morningstar Gold-rated Fidelity Tax-Free Bond.

- Built financial models and issuer ratings and collaborated with traders to produce comprehensive research used by portfolio managers for relative value and credit risk assessment.
- Modeled potential outcomes from federal bankruptcy legislation for Puerto Rico's restructuring to develop workout scenarios that protected mutual fund portfolios from steep price declines.
- Constructed a market-based interest-rate probability model adopted by three portfolio managers to refine curve-positioning strategies, improving accuracy over standard macro models.
- Trained a senior macro analyst transitioning to a credit role on fundamental credit analysis and developing investment frameworks by advising their research process, a unique opportunity for an associate.

ADDITIONAL

Skills: Bloomberg, Excel, Python, and multi-agent AI systems for financial modeling and relative value analysis.

Interests: Cooking Levantine cuisine, bass guitar (rock), tennis, decision-making bias & financial history literature.