

ANGELA (CHAO) XU

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SUMMARY

Young professional with 4 years relevant experience seeking a fundamental role focused on Macro and/or Emerging Markets
Proven team player with core values of integrity and teamwork; eager to learn and grow; proven diligent and responsible employee

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service

Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service (BSFS) in International Politics

August 2012 – December 2015

Cumulative GPA: 3.892/4.000 SAT: 2370 (CR:780 M:790 W:800), SAT II Math Level II: 800

Relevant Coursework: Economics (Micro, Macro, Intl. Trade, Intl. Finance, Development Econ), Statistics, Fundamentals of Finance, Political Economy of Asia, Trade in Asia Pacific

Relevant Research Projects: Political Economy of the Chinese One-Child Policy, Model Country BOP Risk Analysis

University of Oxford, St. Peter's College

Oxford, United Kingdom

Visiting Student in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

Oct 2014 – June 2015

Avg. Grade: A-

Relevant Coursework: Economics of Developing Countries (growth models for emerging economies)

Chartered Financial Analyst Program

Level III Passed June 2019

Passed all 3 levels of exam and have 2 months of work experience outstanding to be eligible to apply for the CFA Charter

WORK EXPERIENCE

Optima Fund Management LLC (\$1bn+ AUM hedge fund allocator)

New York, NY

Senior Research Analyst – Discretionary Macro, Non-US Equity, Volatility, Systematic Hedge Funds

Jan 2016 – Nov 2019

- Macro data analyses to complement semi-annual investment outlooks; topics include global economics, business cycles, monetary policy, economic policy, market liquidity, valuations etc.; projects include:
 - Elaborated model monitoring dispersion and correlation within the S&P and its relation to active strategies
 - Graphically presenting various indicators and relationships, including aggregates of sentiment indicators, output gaps analysis, long-run valuation comparison etc.
- Demonstrated strong data and modeling capability by improving and creating standardized attribution and risk models for the flagship macro fund, and built a dashboard analyzing the fund's attribution, positioning, risk, themes, and outlook
- Harnessed creativity in contributing to various unique client and internal projects, including concept studies, product pitches, internal investment reviews, and portfolio construction analyses; projects include:
 - Graphic presentation of active strategy payoffs during market downturn; used in final client pitch
 - Contributed heavily to creative presentation of proposed optimization process
- Intensively studied a wide array of trading strategies through manager interviews, investment process examination, return profile quantitative analyses, industry landscaping, and peer comparison (mandate spanned across asset classes and geographies)
- Strengthened market and macro strategy intuition by monitoring managers performance, exposures, positioning, and outlook. Accordingly provided relevant commentaries to senior management.
- Active and effective liaison with parallel teams within the firm to optimize and ensure smooth end-to-end investment process

Innovalue Management Advisors GmbH (acquired since by Ernst & Young)

London, United Kingdom

Consulting Intern

June 2015 – Aug 2015

- Quantitatively evaluated market S&D of white label mobile payment wallets across 12 European markets to identify key growth drivers, contributed almost 20% of analysis material presented to the client, forming product development strategy in core markets

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC), United States Congress

Washington, DC

Economic Statecraft Intern (Majority side)

Jan 2014 – Apr 2014

- Research on economics of Russian oil contributed to Congressman's position for sanction implementation post Crimea Crisis
- Researched market positioning of international construction firms to contract for Latin American transport systems
- Provided up-to-date news on trade, intellectual property, foreign investment patterns, and trade negotiations to relevant Staff

AWARDS, SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages: Fluent in Mandarin Chinese

Technical Skills: Python (learning in progress), Advanced Excel (modelling, pivot tables), Data sources (Bloomberg, OECD, World Bank, FRED St. Louis, Europa, & other national sources), database maintenance, PowerPoint

WWP High School South Field Hockey Team

Aug 2008 – Nov 2011

Presented "Sportsmanship Award" and "Most Improved Player Award"

Interests: Christian Involvement & Service, Hiking, Running, Family History & Genealogy, International Media, Knitting