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EDUCATION

University College Dublin

PhD in Banking and Finance

2015-2019(Expected)

Research interests: Dividend Policy, Financial Distress, Insider Trading

Supervisors: Professor John Cotter and Professor Cal Muckley

University of Exeter

Master of Science in Financial Economics (Distinction)

2013-2014

- *Dissertation: "Volatility Spillovers and Dynamic Conditional Correlations between the US and GCC Stock Markets"*
- *Supervisor: Dr. Andreea Halunga*

Gulf University for Science and Technology

Bachelor of Science in Finance (Honors)

2008-2012

WORKING PAPERS

- Investor anticipation and the stock price reaction to dividend initiations and omissions (with John Cotter and Cal Muckley)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Does the information content of dividend cuts and omissions influence distress risk? (with John Cotter and Cal Muckley)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University College Dublin

Teaching Assistant

Dublin, Ireland

September 2016 – Present

- Capital Markets and Instruments (Postgraduate);
- Financial Econometrics (Postgraduate);
- Quantitative Methods in Finance (Postgraduate)

Gulf University for Science & Technology

Peer Tutor

- Financial Risk Management.
- Corporate Finance.
- Financial Management.
- International Finance.
- Introductory Econometrics.
- Basic Statistics.
- Basic Calculus.

Mishref, Kuwait

February 2012 – June 2012

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

KPMG Advisory W.L.L.

Senior Advisor, Risk Consulting

Kuwait City, Kuwait

September 2014 – August 2015

- Evaluating the effectiveness of internal controls and the risk assessment of clients.
- Specialized in conducting Internal Audits for Asset Management firms to mitigate operational, regulatory, and financial risks.
- Audited the investment portfolios of asset management clients and insured that they were adequately diversified on a country and sector wide basis and ensured the presence of adequate stop-loss limits.
- Conducted Enterprise-wide risk assessments for several Investment firms.

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- Part of a team which has conducted an examination of a leading bank's retail loan portfolios' compliance with Central Bank of Kuwait's requirements.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Recipient of UCD Michael Smurfit Doctoral Scholarship
- Earned a Distinction in Msc Dissertation (75%)
- President List, 9/6/2012 - Gulf University for Science & Technology.
- President List, 17/1/2012 - Gulf University for Science & Technology.
- President List, 9/6/2011 - Gulf University for Science & Technology.
- Dean's List, 21/1/2011 - Gulf University for Science & Technology.
- Dean's List, 23/6/2010 - Gulf University for Science & Technology.

SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING

- **Programming:** STATA, Matlab, R, LaTeX.
- **Data:** CRSP, COMPUSTAT, WRDS, Optionmetrics, Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg.

PERSONAL

- **Languages:** Arabic (Native), English (Fluent), French (Basic).
- **Date and place of Birth:** 30 November 1989 (Kuwait).
- **Citizenship:** Lebanon

