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EDUCATION

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
B.A. Economics, Minor in Business Finance
CFA Level I Candidate

Graduated May 2023

Exam Scheduled May 2026

SKILLS

Programming: Python (pandas, NumPy), SQL, Rust, Go, JavaScript, REST APIs, Git

Data & ML: Data pipelines, ML training, model serving, GPU compute, multi-source ingestion

Finance & Modeling: DCF, scenario analysis, sensitivity, valuation, financial statements, variance analysis

Infrastructure & AI: Databricks, Modal GPU cloud, Temporal Cloud, Supabase, Docker, Claude Code, Cursor

EXPERIENCE

Financial Analyst (Contract)

Jan 2026 – Feb 2026

Wrapped Accounting (Startup)

San Francisco, CA

- Analyzed financial statements to identify classification errors, variance drivers, and reporting gaps
- Produced variance analyses comparing actuals against plan and prior periods to surface key drivers
- Automated recurring reporting tasks in Excel to reduce manual processing time and human error
- Delivered audit-ready outputs on time across rapidly shifting priorities and deadlines

Client Trust Accountant

Nov 2023 – May 2025

The Gersh Agency

Beverly Hills, CA

- Served as primary financial point of contact for 50+ HNW clients with strict reporting deadlines
- Audited daily reconciliations across bank, custodian, and wire records vs. client trust ledgers
- Coordinated cross-functionally with banking partners and internal teams on time-sensitive matters
- Designed streamlined workflows that improved exception turnaround and operational accuracy

Investment Operations Intern

Summer 2023

Strategic View Advisors

Manhattan Beach, CA

- Supported financial advisors on private wealth portfolios across daily reporting and client workflows
- Reconciled bank and general ledger accounts with meticulous accuracy under fast-moving deadlines
- Tracked client portfolio activity and surfaced anomalies before they became operational problems
- Researched account history before meetings to inform advisor discussions

PROJECTS

Omnivest — Self-Built Multi-Asset Quant Platform

Founder & Builder | Multi-engine fund management platform across major asset classes

- Developed four native fund engines: primary, microstructure, high-turnover, and self-trained
- Built each engine as a portfolio that autonomously buys, sells, hedges, rebalances, and trims positions
- Trained custom ML forecasting models on Modal GPU cloud across multi-source market and macro data
- Architected a full-stack platform across Python, Rust, Go, Supabase, Databricks, and Modal GPU cloud
- Leveraged Claude Code, Codex, and Cursor daily, building a view on when AI accelerates the work

Circle Internet Group — Annual Operating Plan & Valuation

Full AOP and multi-scenario valuation for a high-growth financial technology company

- Modeled revenue drivers, cash flow dynamics, and customer retention across multiple plan scenarios
- Generated DCF, comps, and transaction valuations with IRR and NPV sensitivity outputs
- Forecasted multi-period financials supporting the AOP and tied assumptions to operational drivers

CrowdStrike — Public Equity Research & Valuation

Multi-scenario DCF and research memo on a public SaaS cybersecurity company

- Constructed enterprise DCF with revenue segmentation, margin analysis, and WACC estimation
- Tested model sensitivity to revenue, margin, and WACC assumptions across upside and downside cases
- Drafted a research-style memo outlining thesis, key risks, and macro and operational drivers