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EDUCATION

Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, (2002-present)
Ph.D. Candidate in the Finance Department. Expected Graduation: June 2007
GPA 3.875

Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, (2001-2002)
1st year student in the Ph.D. Program in Business Administration (Finance and Business Economics)
GPA 3.93

Central European University, Budapest, 1999-2001
M.A. in Economics. GPA 3.85 - "Outstanding M.A. Student Award"

Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest, 1995-1999
B.A. Major: Finance, Insurance, Banks and Stock Exchanges
Graduated with "Summa Cum Laude" Honors—Class Rank 2/400

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Market Microstructure, Asset Pricing, Corporate Finance, Information Economics

HONORS and AWARDS

- **Winner of the "Best Dissertation in Investments" FMA competition - 3rd place for "Disclosure, Contracting and Competition in Financial Markets" - 2006**
- Fellowship from Kellogg School of Management 2002-2006
- "Outstanding M.A. Student Award" CEU – June 2001
- "Summa cum Laude" Graduating Award – Academy of Economic Studies – June 1999
- Fellowship from Open Society Institute to attend the courses of Central European University
- Invited to speak at Academy of Economic Studies Graduation Ceremony - June 1999
- Student Representative in the CEU Academic Forum
- Several prizes for the papers presented at the Sessions of Scientific Communications of the Academy of Economic Studies
- Third prize in the "CITIBANK Treasury Skills Competition" April 2000, Budapest
- Various awards for the Mathematics, Physics and Computer Programming national and local competitions in high school
- Merit based stipends in high school and college

RESEARCH

- Working paper "Disclosure, Contracting and Competition in Financial Markets" - 2006
- Working paper "The Implications of "Capital Structure" Strategies for Corporate Governance: A New Perspective", jointly with Konstantinos E. Zachariadis – accepted in the European Conference in "Corporate Governance" - Milan, May, 2007.
- Work in progress "Endogenous Default and Optimal Trading Strategies for Hedge Funds", jointly with Ionel Popescu
- Work in progress "Debt Restructuring and the Credit Default Swap Market"
- M.A. dissertation "The equity premium puzzle in a monetary economy with durable goods"
Supervisor: Max Gillman, Ph.D. (U. Chicago). Second Member of the Committee: Julius Horvath, Ph.D. (Southern Illinois U.)
- Extended essay "Asset pricing in stochastic general equilibrium models". Supervisor: Max Gillman, Ph.D. (U. Chicago)
- BA graduation thesis: "How to measure Risk: Value-at-Risk". Supervisor: Moisa Altar Ph.D.,(Professor at the Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest)

- Presented numerous papers at The Academy of Economic Studies' Sessions of Scientific Communications, 1995-1999

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

- AFFI – International Conference, Paris, December 2006
- London Business School 6th Trans-Atlantic Doctoral Conference, May 2006. Presented “Disclosure, Contracting and Competition in Financial Markets”
- Kellogg School Of Management Hedge Fund Conference, August 2006
- Kellogg School of Management Finance Conference, October 2004

ASSISTANSHIP POSITIONS

- Research Assistant for “Cash flow Sensitivities with Constraints” by Todd Pulvino and Vefa Tarhan (forthcoming Journal of Finance)
- Research Assistant for Fulvio Ortu, Ph.D. (U. Chicago) September 2001 – 2002.
- Research Assistant for the European Union ACE Phare Project 2000 – 2002. Carried out research assessing the effect on emerging market economies upon entering the Euro Area.
- Teaching Assistant for various Kellogg MBA Finance Classes 2003-2006.

EXTRACURRICULAR COURSES and DIPLOMAS

- Enrolled in International WU Summer University 2000 in Vienna, Austria with a focus on “International Finance” and “International Organizations and Economics”
- Invited to participate at "Campus meets Company" event by the “Debis, IT and Financial Services” arm of Daimler Chrysler in Berlin, Germany in January 2000
- Enrolled in International Management Center (MBA program) Finance Courses offered in Budapest, 2001: “Financial Management” and “International Financial Management”
- Enrolled in the class "Risk Management in Financial Markets" presented by Dr. Michael Smith from ISMA Centre (University of Reading, UK) in Bucharest, 1999
- Enrolled in Summer School “Romania of the XXI century” organized by Academy of Economic Studies (Bucharest, 2000)
- RASDAQ(Romanian Over-the-Counter Stock Market) Stockbroker Certification 1998
- Computer Programming Certification 1995

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- Coordinating various entrepreneurial activities 2001-present.
- Bucharest Equity Research Group (BERG), Summer 1998, Equity Research Department
- Romanian Development Bank (BRD), Summer 1997, Credit Department
- Luxten Inc. 1997, software designer in the Financial and Accounting Department.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Stata, Matlab, Mathematica, C++

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Conversational in French and German. Basic in Spanish and Italian. Native speaker of Romanian.

REFERENCES

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