Managed a contacts database for global hedge fund managers as part of the initial investment due diligence process

Researched and presented the short selling activist hedge fund strategy to the RIA staff and interns

Analyzed select Japanese machinery and semiconductor companies in order to perform valuations and growth projections

Researched and traded securities in a mock investment portfolio as part of an intern-wide investing competition

Presented global morning news to staff focusing on macroeconomic policy, market trends, and hedge fund industry developments

Attended daily lectures on various topics in finance including corporate finance, asset classes, the Global Financial Crisis, and options pricing and trading

Received Bloomberg terminal training at Bloomberg’s Tokyo offices
ADVENTURES
REWARDING EXPERIENCE

- Learning how to navigate a corporate culture
- Effectively collaborating with fellow interns, colleagues, and supervisors
- Using a Bloomberg Terminal to write reports and analyze data
- Learning about Japanese culture and language
- Navigating one of the world’s largest cities
- Joining a local Japanese summer league team and competing against other programs
- Traveling to areas outside of Tokyo such as Kyoto, Hakone, and Kanazawa
- Developing lasting friendships with my fellow interns from Princeton and other participating schools
MY IMPACT

- Merged two Japanese hedge fund universe databases which included 15 years worth of data on both current and dead funds
  - This created a more organized system for aggregating funds’ data, allowed the fund to run analysis on updated and detailed information, and provided a clearer sense of Japanese hedge fund performance

- Managing the global hedge funds contact database
  - Allowed the firm to cast a wider net for potential investment opportunities, aggregate data on international hedge fund performance, and discover new hedge fund strategies through scheduled meetings and calls

- Presenting the activist short selling hedge fund strategy
  - Allowed the firm to develop a clearer understanding of the strategy, how the strategy has been used in Asia, and understand the research groups potentially launching funds based on this strategy
My experience with RIA solidified my desire to pursue future internships and employment opportunities in financial services.

Potential employers have been intrigued by my experience through IIP in Japan.

The work experience has provided me with a foundation of skills and knowledge in the industry.

I plan to take a course in the East Asian Studies department in the spring in order to augment my experience and continue to learn more about this part of the world.

I plan to take more courses within the Economics department to build upon the foundation provided to me in the workplace.

Will consider opportunities to work, study, or travel abroad more in the future because of my experience.
Better understanding of the cultural practices and economic landscape within Asia

Helped me to clearly understand the advantages and disadvantages to living in Japan and America

Learned how to live on my own, navigate a large city, and learn enough Japanese to have positive interactions with locals

Understand what it is like to live in a homogenously populated country as a minority

Appreciation the Japanese people for their kindness and willingness to help me settle in to a new country

Develop a realistic sense for the working lifestyle and manage my time in an efficient manner
MEMORIES
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