Alexander Uyar

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EDUCATION

MSc Finance & Investment | University of Leeds — Sep 2025 - Sep 2026

Average to date 74% (Distinction). Modules: Securities Investment Analysis, Portfolio Risk Management, Financial Derivatives, Financial Modelling & Analysis, Corporate Finance, Applied Finance, International Investment, Critical Skills for Finance Professionals.

Dissertation: whether UK macro state variables explain small and mid-cap equity returns beyond the Fama-French five-factor model.

CFA Level I Candidate - Sitting November 2026 | CFA Institute — Nov 2026

Awarded the CFA Institute Student Scholarship in April 2026 on merit-based academic selection.

BSc Economics, 2:1 | University of Huddersfield — Sep 2016 - Jul 2019

RESEARCH — ssrn.com/author=10815576

Leading Indicators of S&P 500 Drawdowns: A Horizon-Specific Macro-Financial Framework — SSRN | Mar 2026

Screened 30 macro-financial indicators across four horizons using probit and ridge-penalised logistic models under expanding-window walk-forward. Out-of-sample AUCs reach 0.60 to 0.74 against a 0.50 benchmark, high-yield credit spreads the most informative.

Out-of-Sample Forecastability of GICS Sector Excess Returns — SSRN | May 2026

Tested whether GICS sector excess returns are forecastable out of sample, across eight model families and four horizons. Mean out-of-sample R-squared reaches 0.163 at longer horizons, and target-volatility construction recovers excess returns in eight of eleven sectors.

Stock Selection within Sectors: Sector-Specific Screening Models, Out-of-Sample Evaluation, and Economic Value — SSRN | Jul 2026

Tested 25 pre-registered signals against eleven models on a survivorship-free S&P 500 panel. Sign-constrained combinations beat every freely estimated model, a long-only book retains a net information ratio of 0.80 after costs, and the three layers lift Sharpe 0.89 to 1.12.

A Three-Layer Equity Framework in Four Markets: Cross-Regional Reproduction and Geography Allocation — SSRN | Aug 2026

Reproduced the three-layer framework in the UK, Europe and Japan on one codebase, adding a geography-allocation layer. The structure travels and the coefficients do not: of 27 firm characteristics exactly one is positive at t of at least 2.0 in all four regions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Turka Doner Ltd | Business Administrator — Jan 2025 - Present

Budgeting and cash flow monitoring, cutting discretionary spending 8% through cost analysis and supplier renegotiation. Lead procurement, logistics and operations projects with department managers, tracking KPIs against strategy. Lifted sales 10% through team planning and targeted customer engagement, and specified and installed new machinery and quality control systems.

AmplifyME | Financial Markets Simulation Programme — Jun 2026

Selected as a high potential candidate. Ranked first of over 200 participants in the hedge fund simulation (95%), and first in asset management and investment banking (94%), covering portfolio construction, risk and execution.

Clear Mountain | Founder — Aug 2019 - Jul 2026

Founded and scaled a speciality food wholesale and retail business from sourcing to sales, reaching over £200,000 of cumulative turnover across domestic and international accounts. Ran pricing, margins, working capital, forecasting and end-to-end supply chain.

PROJECTS

Independent Equity Research Coverage — 2026 - Present

Maintain coverage of BorgWarner (BWA) and Tapestry (TPR): DCF models, competitive, capital-allocation and earnings-quality analysis.

Personal Investment Portfolio — 2024 - Present

Run a multi-currency portfolio of equities and fixed income ETFs, underwritten with the same DCF and competitive analysis used in the coverage work. Size against a concentration budget measured by Herfindahl index and effective position count, with exit discipline set by the valuation case rather than price, and review attribution, dividend income and FX exposure quarterly.

Global Industry Programme, Group Leader — Jan 2026

Led a six-person team on a live engagement for a US insurance advisory: sized the $435bn US annuity market, analysed RILA and fixed-index economics, mapped the issuer and distributor landscape, and set out the BaFin constraints behind the market-entry call.

Career26 Stock Pick Competition — Oct 2025

Built a DCF-backed equity pitch on Adobe Inc. from scratch: valuation model, written report and presentation, against over 50 teams.

SKILLS

Modelling and Valuation: DCF, LBO and three-statement modelling, comparable company and precedent transaction analysis, financial statement analysis, earnings quality review, WACC and terminal value construction, sensitivity analysis

Quantitative: Econometric modelling, time-series analysis, panel and cross-sectional regression, walk-forward and out-of-sample validation, backtesting, factor modelling, CAPM, Monte Carlo simulation

Tools: Python (pandas, NumPy, scikit-learn, statsmodels, matplotlib), Excel (advanced, VBA, macros), Bloomberg Terminal and BQL, Stata, EViews, SPSS, Power BI, LaTeX, Sage Accounting

Certifications: Bloomberg Market Concepts, Bloomberg ESG, Bloomberg Spreadsheet Analysis, Microsoft Office Specialist (Excel)

Languages: English (native), Turkish (fluent)

Eligibility: British citizen with full right to work in the UK. Available immediately. Leeds or London, open to relocation