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## OVERVIEW

Qualified and experienced native English speaking financial professional with 9+ years' experience in Accounting and Pricing roles in global financial services firms in the UK. Currently running the successful Business English training company [Dickson English](http://DicksonEnglish.com).

## SKILLS

Highly-developed communication skills. Flexible and dedicated team member. German language skills at B2 level. Strong analytical and numerical skills and advanced level of Microsoft Excel proficiency.

## EXPERIENCE

### ENGLISH TEACHER / OWNER • DICKSON ENGLISH (BERLIN) • OCT 2014 - PRESENT

This role involves direct teaching work and also all of the budgeting, analytical and forecasting work which is involved in running a small business.

This role requires large amounts of planning to run the business and the classes, as well as the ability to spontaneously respond to situations and questions as they arise. I am also responsible for managing the sometimes complex group dynamics in learning groups made up of employees from different levels of a company and ensuring the smooth running of group and team exercises.

### VALUATIONS OFFICER • CITIBANK (EDINBURGH) • JUNE 2013 – SEPTEMBER 2014

Responsible for managing client and trustee relationships, resolving complex accounting queries and training colleagues. This role involved monitoring a team of 7 fund accountants working on over 50 IFRS compliant funds, checking daily work for accuracy, and working on special projects to implement and improve the management control systems and accounting processes. I was directly responsible for providing metrics reports to management, dealing with large data sets and interpreting the story they told.

### SENIOR PRICING ANALYST • FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS (EDINBURGH) • 2011 - 2013

Responsible for supervising work by Pricing Analysts, handling complex pricing queries, solving problems. Sourcing, analysing and verifying prices and other KPIs for a wide range of securities.

In this role I developed pricing models for difficult-to-price securities, led team meetings, prepared the Quarterly Reports for several fund suites and presented those reports in high level Valuation & Liquidity Oversight Committee meetings with board members and investment managers. As a Senior Analyst I was responsible for training team members and liaising with other business units on behalf of the Pricing Department. This role provided me many opportunities to create new processes and streamline existing ones by leveraging technological solutions and more rationalized processes.



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## PRICING ANALYST • FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS (EDINBURGH) • 2009 - 2011

Performing pricing for over 5,000 global securities, calculating Net Asset Values for 55 OEIC share classes. This role required keen attention to detail, analytical thinking and strong teamwork skills.

This role involved managing strict and competing deadlines successfully to produce daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly deliverables where accuracy was critical. I was instrumental in expanding the Fair Value pricing team globally, and developing and managing relationships with colleagues across global sites.

## TREASURY ANALYST • FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS (EDINBURGH) • 2006 - 2009

Performing reconciliations work for investment funds throughout the Franklin Templeton Investments complex. Collaborating with internal teams globally, solving transaction problems and minimising risk.

## EDUCATION

- MA(Hons) Sociology – 1st class • 2006 • University of Edinburgh
- Chartered Financial Analyst ([CFA](#)) Level 1 – December 2012
- Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages ([CELTA](#)) • October 2014 • Randolph School of English, Edinburgh
- MPhys Mathematical Physics (Incomplete – awarded Certificate of Further Education) • 1998-2000 • University of Edinburgh

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Investment Management Certificate (IMC) • CFA Society of the UK, awarded 2011
- Investment Operations Certificate (IOC) • Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment, awarded 2010



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