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18/01/2005 · EU citizen (Spain)

Native Spanish and Catalan · English C1 (Cambridge CAE) · French A2, working towards B1

EDUCATION

09/23 – 06/27	**University of Barcelona — BSc in Business Management** (expected graduation: June 2027) ● Taught entirely in English. Relevant courses: Financial Mathematics, Business Taxation, Operations Management ● 2026/27: **exchange at Université de Genève** (Swiss-European Mobility Programme)
09/26 – now	**Geneva University Investment Club** — member
12/25 – 06/26	**Diagonal Finance Society** — student finance society, University of Barcelona
09/21 – 06/23	**Xaloc — Baccalaureate in Social and Economic Sciences** ● Final thesis: "Economic Implications of Cryptocurrency Adoption" — 9.5/10

CERTIFICATIONS

01/26 – now	**Trading Business School — European Financial Advisor (EFA), EFPA** *(examination sat September 2026, results pending)*
12/25 – 03/26	**ARC Advisors — Finance Programme**

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH & PROJECTS

Equity research notes. I write valuation notes on listed companies on my own initiative, working from primary sources: annual and interim reports, SEC EDGAR and CNMV filings. Every figure is traced to the page it came from, and a number I cannot source does not go in. I run my own beta regressions rather than relying on provider figures, having established these are often regressed against the wrong index; I select the valuation method by business model, using reverse-DCF for operating companies and justified multiples on tangible book for balance-sheet businesses; and I build the discount rate from the issuer's own published parameters wherever they exist. Each note sets out explicitly the ways the thesis could be wrong. Recent subjects include CaixaBank and NVIDIA. Full notes are published on my LinkedIn profile.

CEREBRO — adversarial research framework. A documented process built to argue against my own investment theses using classic value criteria: moat durability, owner earnings, margin of safety, circle of competence. It has repeatedly reversed conclusions I had already reached.

MiFID II suitability assessment. A tool converting a client conversation into a portfolio proposal: 21 questions across the three MiFID II pillars, scored on four dimensions where the binding minimum sets the profile, driving asset allocation and a UCITS-only shortlist. Used on simulated profiles.

Company analysis dashboard. Pulls financial data on listed companies from primary filings and regulator databases into a consistent set of indicators.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

09/20 – 06/25	**Catalan Football Federation — Referee, Catalan Second Division** ● Five years making contested decisions in front of players, benches and crowds, and holding them under sustained pressure ● Filed official match reports to a governing body that audits them and enforces its rules against the referee
08/24 – 03/26	**Groundforce — Passenger Services Associate** ● Resolved overbookings, delays and complex incidents for international passengers, daily, in several languages ● Maintained composure and service quality with customers receiving news they did not want to hear
06/24 – 08/24	**ON FIRE — Face-to-Face Fundraiser** ● Signed up regular donors through direct street engagement, working to daily targets in a high-rejection environment

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical	Excel (pivot tables, lookups, data analysis), PowerPoint; primary financial sources (SEC EDGAR, CNMV, annual and interim reports); AI-assisted research workflows
Interests	Martial arts; cars and watches; architecture and urban design