

Simon Gargonne, MA, MBA Candidate

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- Strong analytical skills
- Research and risk analysis on corporate policies related to: environment, social and governance (ESG) policies on more than 2000 publicly listed companies
- Assessing extra financial and reputational value of some of the world's largest corporations from various sectors and industries, including International Banks, Electric Utilities, Integrated Oil & Gas, and Construction and Engineering
- Interviewing company representatives, asset managers and institutional investors
- Translation and editing
- Fluent in French and advanced spoken Spanish

WORK EXPERIENCE

Analyst, Innovest Strategic Value Advisors

Aug'07-Feb'09

(Innovest Strategic Value Advisors is an international investment research and advisory firm)

- Conducted research and analyzed more than 500 companies' public reports (Annual Financial Report, CSR Report, prospectuses, SEC etc) as well as financial databases
- Used Innovest GC+ methodology, assessing ESG risk and internal ESG policies, which comprise environmental, social, human rights, governance, anti-corruption and anti money-laundering international standards. The methodology provides a qualitative, sector-specific assessment of the *materiality* of the risk posed by each company
- Wrote summary reports on companies' policies and performance to assess their reputational risk. The reports were published on-line to help client organizations make sound decisions about their investments. The client portfolio included among others the UNICEF, Sam Asset Management, HSBC and Baillie Gifford for instance
- Contributed to case-studies research for a book entitled *Investing in a Sustainable World: Why Green Is the New Color of Money on Wall Street* by Matthew J. Kiernan, AMACOM/American Management Association
- Engaged dialogue with companies to discuss their CSR strategies

Francophone Editor, for TakingITGlobal and the International Development Research Center (IDRC), Toronto *(in partnership with IDRC, a Crown Corporation, telecentre.org is a social investment program financed by Microsoft and international agencies)*

Apr'06-Dec'06

- Supported the elaboration of the Online Strategic Plan aimed at determining the strategic goals of the online portal and finalizing an action plan
- Wrote press releases for external communications
- Improved and updated the dynamic content of an online portal daily (ten articles a week)
- Administered open-source Content Management Systems
- Edited content for online publications, including newsletters and e-books

Research Assistant, Canadian Chair of Environmental Law, Québec City

Nov'04-Jun'05

- Provided assistance in preparing a Seminar on Environment, Sustainable Development and Governance
- Developed curricula and resources for graduate students
- Conducted bibliographic research on Global Environmental Governance

Administration auxiliary, DGCF, Laval University, Québec City

Sep'04-Jan'06

(Services ensuring professional training and continuing education)

- Welcomed guests and professionals to training sessions, ensuring the quality of relationships with customers
- Prepared course material
- Managed attendance lists and memberships

Salesperson, Atlas (RAPP Company), Strasbourg, France

Jan'01-Jun'01

- Responsible of a discount sales area , consisting of three people, selling home furniture

- Ensured the quality of customer service and answering phone calls
- Increased the sales volume against an objective of 20% in my unit after six months

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration, Candidate

FSA, Laval University, Quebec City

Apr'07-Current

- Specializations: Corporate Management
- Exchange program, *Schulich School of Business, York University, Toronto*
- Hydro-Quebec Scholarship 2007

Certification UNEP FI course - Climate Change: Risks and Opportunities for the Finance Sector

Jun'08

Master in International Relations

Institut Québécois des Hautes Études Internationales, Laval University, Québec City

Apr'06

- Specializations: International Economy & Law, Global Politics

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, *University of Dijon, France*

Jun'03

- Specializations: History and International Relations

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Global Compact Analyst, *Innovest Strategic Value Advisors*

Jun'07-Jul'08

Francophone Engagement Coordinator, *TakingITGlobal, Toronto*

Apr'06-Dec'06

(An international youth organization, working with international agencies to promote youth engagement in global issue)

- Organizing online events
- Outreach activities, such as participation in educational and promotional activities in Montreal and Quebec
- Worked in the media team during the 2006 Toronto XVI International Aids Conference (press releases and outreach).
- Edited content for diverse publications, including Understanding the Issues: An Online Global Education Resource (Longview Foundation), Youth Guides to Action, and online educational materials

Marketing – Communication Intern, *Facto Multimedia, Québec City*

Oct'03-Jan'04

- Organized and participated in trade fairs

ASSETS

- Computer**
- Proficient in Windows: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Lotus Notes, and WordPerfect (advanced)
 - Microsoft Project (intermediate)
 - Operating Open Source Content Management Systems (Drupal, Wordpress), web 2.0 tools

- Language**
- French (mother tongue), excellent communication and academic writing skills
 - Spanish Elementary II (advanced spoken Spanish)

ADDITIONAL

- Member of Entrepreneuriat Laval Inc. Sep'03-Current
- Member of AIESEC, Laval University Nov'05-Current
 - Guest speaker during the AIESEC National Conference on CSR in Toronto
- Participant as a delegate during the World Youth Congress, Quebec City Aug'08
 - Main speaker during a workshop on CSR and youth participation
- Participant during the Junior Team Canada, National Caucus, Ottawa Apr'07
- Member of the Canadian International Council (CIC) Oct'07-Current
- Member of Cercle Québécois des Hautes Études Internationales Jul'04-Jan'06
- Volunteer Work for Summer University, IQHEI. Jul'04