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## EXPERIENCE

James is a global finance professional with 4+ years in Investment Banking (IB) and 2 years in strategic consulting in the United States and Asia. He has a deep foundation and skillset in corporate finance, Private Equity (PE), Operational Due Diligence, cross-border investment, corporate strategy, and project management, with an edge in the technology sector. He is a recent Tech-MBA graduate from Brown University that was selected as an MIT Sandbox Innovation fellow to invest in start-ups and leading-edge technologies.

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### WAM Equity Partners

January, 2022 – Present

#### Senior Project Manager/ Venture Capital Division

New York City, NY

- Leading a cross-functional 5 member team to perform due diligence, define risk parameters, and expand existing portfolios regarding cloud, semiconductors, PropTech, and major social media platforms to further a company-wide technology fund;
- Successfully profiled \$3 million growth investment opportunities with emerging technology encompassing the Metaverse, Blockchain, AR/VR, and mobility to add to the venture capital portfolio directly reported to the CEO, Andrew Moses.

### MIT Innovation Initiative (MITII), MIT

October, 2021 – Present

#### Fellow / Sandbox Innovation Fund

Cambridge, MA

- Leading an 8 member team as the Financial Advisor of Cogito, an MIT-funded collaborative effort between entrepreneurs at Harvard Innovation Lab, MIT Sloan School of Management, and Brown University's Program in Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship, to invest and advise start-ups that are spin-offs of Harvard, MIT, and Brown University;
- Sourced a \$500K consulting project from the Inditex Group, which is one of the largest retail companies in Spain, and a collaboration proposal with the MIT Media Lab to lead an initiative to re-organize the financial portfolio of the MIT Media lab.

### Asian Development Bank (ADB)

March, 2021 – August, 2021

#### Consultant / Knowledge Expert Advisory Center

Manila, Philippines

- Led an \$80 million loan cost recovery process for the Cambodia government and successfully filed it to the board council at ADB;
- Performed research and analysis for the bank's Operation & Management (O&M) for the broader Southeast Asian innovation and technology cooperation to accelerate infrastructure development in Southeast Asia.

### Hyundai Group

December, 2017 – March, 2021

#### Assistant Manager / Private Equity, Financial Risk Evaluation team

Seoul, South Korea

- Raised \$501 million for cross-border acquisition by completing the Toshiba Memory Corporation's acquisition financing;
- Selected to lead investment in technology enterprises, including semiconductor and foundry, as well as mobility, AI unicorn startups;
- Successfully formed private equity and debt fund through corporate financing and invested directly in RCPS and collateral loans;
- Performed deep corporate and project risk analysis by collaborating with internal/external experts and executing full due diligence.

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## EDUCATION

### Brown University

July, 2021 – May, 2022

#### Master of Science (MS) in Innovation Management & Entrepreneurship (Tech-MBA)

Providence, RI

- Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA) for the course "Management of Industrial and Nonprofit Organizations" (Engineering 90) and "Managerial Decision Making" (Engineering 900) with professor Barrett Hazeltine.

### Kookmin University

August, 2020 – August, 2021

#### Master of Engineering (ME) in Artificial Intelligence (AI) - Transferred Out

Seoul, South Korea

- Research Assistant (RA) for the Financial Services Research Institute to conduct research on AI-powered fin-tech practices.

### University of the Arts London

September, 2011 – June, 2017

#### Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Management and Leadership Diploma at CMI (Honors)

London, United Kingdom

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## FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

#### "Business Efficiency Gains through Improved Water Billing Practices"

Development Asia 2021

- Asian Development Bank official website

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#### "Social VR as the New Normal? Understanding User Interactions for the Business Arena."

Proceedings of CHI ACM 2021

- The most prominent international conference in emerging technology

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#### "User Perception on an Artificial Intelligence Counseling App."

Proceedings of IHCI 2020

- International conference on intelligent human computer interaction

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## CERTIFICATIONS

#### Private Financing for Infrastructure and Sustainable Growth (Asian Development Bank Institute)

June, 2021

#### Bloomberg Market Concepts (Bloomberg)

February, 2021

#### Fund Investment Solicitor (Korea Financial Investment Association)

October, 2017

#### The APM Project Fundamentals Qualification (Association of Project Management)

March, 2017

- Nationally certified certification in the United Kingdom
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