PINELLA KHAYAT

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SUMMARY

Analytical and driven MSc Financial Economics graduate from the Barcelona School of Economics, with a top-ranked academic record and strong foundation in quantitative and strategic problem-solving. Proven ability to manage research projects, derive actionable insights from data, and thrive in fast-paced team environments.

EDUCATION

Barcelona School of Economics, Barcelona, Spain   **September 2024 – July 2025**
- Master of Science: in Financial Economics, cumulative GPA: 7.99/10
- Relevant Courses: Corporate finance, Asset Pricing, Equity Derivatives and Risk Management, Econometric Methods I, Foundations of Data Science, Fixed Income Securities and Hedging, Mergers & Acquisitions, Sustainable Finance.
- Degree awarded by Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- Thesis: Predicting Bank Failures Using Machine Learning.

Lebanese American University, Beirut, Lebanon   **August 2021 – May 2024**
- Bachelor of Science in Economics (Honors Program), cumulative GPA: 3.97/4.0
- Treasurer of the Hiking & Camping Club, Member of the Consulting Club
- Relevant Courses: Applied Econometrics 1: Cross-section and Panel Data, Economics of AI, Environmental and Resource Economics, Managerial Finance, Economics of Organizations and Management, Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Discrete Structures, Calculus 3.

EXPERIENCE

Economic Researcher, Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture, Lebanon   **August 2025 – Present**
- Conducted in-depth economic research and data analysis to prepare economic reports, sectoral studies, and trade statistics, generating actionable insights for strategic decision-making.
- Synthesized complex datasets into concise reports and presentations, improving clarity and accessibility of economic insights for senior management.
- Collaborated with a team providing consultations to MSMEs on trade-related strategies in collaboration with UNDP, delivering practical recommendations that enhanced business performance.
- Contributed to outreach efforts, helping increase workshop attendance by 35% through targeted data-driven engagement strategies.

Research Assistant, Lebanese American University, Lebanon   **November 2023 – April 2024**
- Collected data from reliable data sources relevant to the research topic.
- Assisted in the gathering of literature review and academic papers related to financial inclusion in the MENA region.
- Monitored project timelines, ensuring timely completion of tasks while maintaining high-quality output.

Virtual Stock Exchange Competition, Blom Bank, Lebanon   **January 2023 – October 2023**
- Won 1st place in the LAU competition.
- Presented the strategy adopted to a jury and qualified for the national competition.
- Learned the basics about stock exchange in a simulation similar to reality using Interactive Brokers.
- Proven ability to learn quickly, adapt to new situations, and manage anger.

MMKN, Lebanon, tutor   **September 2022 – December 2022**
- Delivered remedial academic support sessions in math and physics for 9th grade students in public schools.
- Helped 90+ students enforce their understanding of complex notions.
- Improved the academic performance of students in their exams.

SKILLS

- Technical: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Visio, Power BI), Python, R, MATLAB, STATA
- Languages: Arabic (native), French (fluent), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)
- Soft skills: Teamwork and collaboration, Time management, Problem-solving, Data collection, Multitasking and organization, Analytical thinking, Financial analysis, Research, Attention to detail, Complex problem-solving.