

FAIZ CHHAPRA

INVESTMENT RESEARCH | VALUATION | PORTFOLIO ANALYTICS
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc.

Financial Coordinator

Pennington, NJ

Dec 2025 - Present

- Performed product-level budget and operating-expense analysis, identifying **\$100K+ in cost deviations** and explaining drivers of monthly financial performance.
- Analyzed 500+ monthly SAP S/4HANA transactions using advanced Excel and prepared management reporting on product spending and expense trends.

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Course Assistant - Corporate Finance, Investments, Statistics

Champaign, IL

Jan 2025 - Dec 2025

- Taught **DCF valuation, WACC, portfolio theory, and capital budgeting** through Excel-based instruction and case studies for 500+ students.
- Evaluated **200+ financial models and quantitative analyses** per semester with a 48-hour turnaround while maintaining analytical rigor.

Community Dreams Foundation

Financial Analyst

Champaign, IL

Jun 2025 - Dec 2025

- Modeled revenue projections and reconciled 500+ accounts, recovering \$20K in unrecorded revenue and reducing recognition errors by 20%.

International Monetary Fund

Project Analyst

Washington, DC

Aug 2024 - Oct 2024

- Cleaned and integrated **20+ years of GDP/GSDP data** using Excel, Python, and R, improving processing efficiency by 20% and reducing inconsistencies by 15%.
- Built econometric forecasting models using regression and time-series analysis, projecting 8% regional GDP growth over five years.
- Synthesized macroeconomic research into executive briefs for IMF directors across four countries, evaluating growth trends and policy outcomes.

Zydus Healthcare Limited

Financial Analyst Intern

Mumbai, India

May 2022 - Sep 2022

- Conducted credit-risk evaluation using scoring models and financial metrics, reducing bad debt by 2% and accelerating payment cycles by 30%.
- Supported product forecasting and budgeting through variance analysis, identifying \$150K+ in budget deviations.

SELECTED INVESTMENT RESEARCH

Macro-Informed Equity Strategy: Forecasting, Valuation & Portfolio Optimization

- Developed a Python forecasting framework using VAR and machine-learning techniques across 40+ macroeconomic indicators to identify stagflation risks and inform sector allocation.
- Performed **DCF valuation and fundamental analysis** on equity investments and developed recommendations based on valuation, policy effects, and long-term value creation.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign - Gies College of Business

M.S. in Finance (STEM), GPA: 3.7/4.0

Champaign, IL

Aug 2023 - Dec 2024

Asset Management specialization | Data Analytics in Finance concentration

SVKM's NMIMS University

MBA, Technology Management & B.Tech., Electronics and Telecommunication (Dual Degree), GPA: 3.6/4.0

Mumbai, India

Jul 2018 - May 2023

Credential: CFA® Program candidate; Level I exam scheduled for November 2026

INVESTMENT & TECHNICAL SKILLS

Investment: DCF Valuation, Financial Modeling, Portfolio Analysis, Econometric Forecasting, Credit Risk, Bloomberg Terminal, Capital IQ

Technical: Advanced Excel, Python, R, SQL, Power BI, Tableau, STATA, PowerPoint