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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A financial executive with extensive experience in both private and public equity, fixed income investments and corporate cash management. Highly involved in supporting and developing strategy and guiding key business initiatives. Articulate and persuasive when negotiating financial transactions, investments and funding transactions. Attend closely to cash flows, controls, costs and risk; at the same time, seek profitable growth — both in mature markets and in those that hold the promise of rapid growth.

Skilled in selecting and advising asset allocation decisions, investment alternatives and presenting new investment ideas for a diversity of both corporate and individual portfolios.

SKILLS:

- **PROFICIENT:** Microsoft Office (Excel, Word & PowerPoint), Bloomberg
- **INTERMEDIATE:** Sungard, Banco Popular Web Cash Management, JP Morgan Access
- **BILINGUAL:** English and Spanish

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO RETIREMENT SYSTEM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

Río Piedras, PR
2014 - Present

Direct the Retirement System of the University of Puerto Rico, comprised of 45 employees, a portfolio of \$1.4 billion, while monitoring actuarial reports and managing accounts. Monitor all legal issues involving the System and legal issues affecting the industry. Evaluate acquisition of new software to improve processes and coordinate with IT in improving office automation and retirees access to data. Assist University CFO with endowments and investments. Report to Board of Directors.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- *Increased funding ratio of Pension Plan from 39% to 46.6%.*
- *Lowered operational costs by 24% while increasing process efficiency.*
- *Managed asset allocation and assisted in investment fund exceeding required return by 9.75%. (Expected return 8% vs. actual return of 17.75%).*
- *Retirement Fund was at 2nd percentile of all public pension funds for the fourth quarter of 2015.*

GRUPO FERRE RANGEL INVESTMENT DIRECTOR

Guaynabo, PR
2007 - 2014

Actively managed corporate, individual and endowments fixed income portfolios. Also, evaluate and oversee equity-managed portfolios. Manage relationships with broker/dealer counterparties and assist CFO with bank relationships. Negotiate and review proposals for custody and software providers for both investments and cash management initiatives. Assist CFO in covenants negotiation and corporate loans issuance. Negotiated ISDA Agreements for all corporations.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- *2nd Place Winner of Alexander Hamilton Award - Executed and assisted in the successful restructuring of the company pension plan (1165E) and implementation of the project throughout all affiliated companies. Implemented both legal documentation and operational aspects*
- *The pension plan project was featured in Treasury & Risk Management Magazine in 2010.*
- *Executed treasury workstation software selection and assisted on implementation; this greatly improved operational efficiency and lowered ops costs.*
- *Created investment policies and performance analysis for corporate investments and within the family office.*

INVESTMENT & CASH MANAGER

2000 - 2007

Responsibilities in this role included restructuring corporate fixed income & equity portfolio. Assist in the early stages of different cash management initiatives implemented throughout all affiliated companies and at the holding company level. Evaluate, oversee and execute different hedge transactions. Monitor bank service charges and treasury related fees. Oversee investment accounting. Review portfolio development and analysis. Prepare debt analysis and execute funding including asset/liability management.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- *Restructure corporate fixed income & equity portfolio.*
- *Improve operational efficiency and lower operational costs by evaluating & executing different hedge transactions, monitor bank service charges and treasury related fees.*
- *Prepare debt analysis and execute funding including asset/liability management.*

FIRSTBANK

San Juan, PR

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT – Treasury & Investments Div.

1995 - 2000

Supervise money positions and trade tickets. Analyze different interest rate hedging transactions. Execute daily collateral movements and wire transfers. Also, prepare reports for Financial Institutions Commissioner, FDIC, external and internal auditors, and Investment Committee meetings.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- *Introduce an innovative product within the Puerto Rico banking industry in 1997.*
- *Key player in structuring the FirstBank International Bank.*
- *Trade and analyze a \$3 billion fixed income and equity portfolio.*
- *Monitor branches with CD rates and gave IRA presentations to the personnel*

EDUCATION:

INTERAMERICAN UNIVERSITY – METRO CAMPUS / MBA in ACCOUNTING

San Juan, PR

August 1995-1998

BOSTON UNIVERSITY – SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT / BS in BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Concentration in Finance

Boston, MA

May 1995

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION:

Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) - July 2006

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

MEMBERSHIPS

Investment Committee Member Fundacion Luis A. Ferre (Current Member)

Member of Association for Financial Professionals US & PR Chapters (Current Member)

Member of Puerto Rico Financial Analysts Association (Current Member)

President of the Association for Financial Professionals PR Chapter (2006-2007)

Association of Financial Professionals PR Chapter Board of Directors (2003-2005)

Secretary of Puerto Rico Investment Management Society Board of Directors (2002-2003)

SPEAKER ENGAGEMENTS

Private Equity Latin America Forum in New York City - June 2014

Mexico, Central America & Caribbean Limited Partner Roundtable