



Portfolio Management Program Introduction and Overview

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1. Introduction

What is the PMP all about?

The portfolio management program is a two year program, where a group of students receive the opportunity to manage a real-money portfolio in accordance to a predetermined strategy.

- Per year, up to 27 students will be selected (PMP is not a typical elective & this number will be reduced)
- Students align in three groups, each with a different investment strategy
- PMP participants start their research and take over the portfolio in May 2020

What is our role in the PMP?



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1.2 Group Structure

Introduction to Pühringer Group

- Mr. P. Pühringer built the basis for his companies by investing in real estate in Berlin some decades ago
- In 1995, a **private foundation** was set up in Austria to sponsor charitable projects and universities (PMP, endowments)
- One year later, ZZ Vermögensverwaltung was founded
 - Currently both ZZs manage EUR 2.7 Bn AuM (fixed income and cross asset risk premia funds)
- In 2007, a charitable foundation and ZZ Vermögensberatung (Switzerland) was founded
 - Investment manager of ZZ Strategy Ltd. and ZZ PE Ltd.
- The group owns three **hotels**, which host the different companies as well as a centre for neurological research
 - Park Hotel Vitznau (Vitznau, CH)
 - Campus Hotel Hertenstein (Hertenstein, CH)
 - Palais Coburg (Vienna, Austria)

Since 1996, the group achieved average **annual returns** of **17.72%** per annum (outperforming the benchmark of the MSCI World and Warren Buffett with 6.93% and 11.5% p.a. respectively).













1.3 ZZ Investment Philosophy



Which investment strategy let the Pühringer Group achieve an average return of 17.72% p.a.?

- Generally speaking, the ZZ investment style can be categorized as "Global Macro", which refers to a hedge fund strategy that allocates funds based on global growth expectations, interest rate and currency movements. Its focus is on misalignments or mispricings, which should revert over time.
- Since inception, ZZ was and still is heavily invested in local currency fixed income securities in **Emerging and Frontier Markets**.
- Fixed Income securities offer fixed payments (cash flows), which ensure liquidity. Those free funds can be used for discretionary investments during market crashes.
- Overall, the asset managers of the ZZ aim to maximize the carry yield of the portfolio. Hence, if the market does not move at all, it is still possible to harvest risk premia across various sources.



2.1 History of PMP



Success Story PMP

- Since starting the program in Vienna in 2004, the PMP was improved continuously and expanded geographically
- As in Berlin and Zurich, students decide which investment strategy they want to follow by choosing a PMP group:
 - Vienna: Academic Quant ZZ
 - Zurich: Behavioural Quant ZZ
 - Berlin: Academic Quant ZZ
- Most importantly, PMP students were able to outperform markets (e.g. MSCI Equity) over this given period and without professional portfolio management experience!

PMP students do not just receive hands-on experience in **portfolio management**, they develop a **unique skill set**, which is extremely valued by future employees and not limited to the financial sector at all!





Quant — Unternehmer — Behavioral





2.2 PMP ESMT Berlin & HU: Structure



Portfolio Management Program and your university curriculum

- PMP is an elective for ESMT MiM students, more details for HU students will follow
- PMP is **not** a **regular** class with lectures, but we meet every other week at **a dedicated PMP location**
 - PMP starts mid October 2019 and ends in May 2021
 - 2 Periods: Analyst Year and Manager Year (Portfolio handover in May 2020)
 - Overlapping periods of analysts and managers







PMP Structure vs. ESMT MiM and HU MEMS

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2.3 PMP ESMT & HU: Portfolios



PMP Berlin students have the opportunity to join one out of three different groups

- Generally, 6-9 students are allocated to a group (6-9 analysts, 6 managers)
- Students engage in financial research, develop trading strategies and an asset allocation in accordance to their group philosophy
 - Each group lays the focus on a specific investment strategy and is guided by experts & tutors
 - In Berlin, we will develop a ZZ group, a quantitative and more academic focused group
 - As strategies and trading strategies might overlap, students are expected to learn from all philosophies

Simple target: Learn as much as possible and outperform the benchmark!







2.4 Impressions of our Schöneberg Office











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2.5 Application Process



Next steps

- If you want to be part of the PMP, please apply until October 3rd 2019 by sending your CV and a brief letter of motivation stating your interests in the PMP to <u>PMP@esmt.org</u>
- Please be advised, that the PMP will take place on Fridays at **Akazienstrasse 3a** in Berlin Schöneberg, where we have a dedicated space including Bloomberg terminals and a terrace

Important points

- Enthusiasm for Finance and Investing, specific finance knowledge or economics degree is helpful, but not essential
- PMP is not a regular elective with an exam, it is a two-year **commitment** with no exam, but you will conduct **analyses** and **presentations**



Take the chance to be part of a great program where you not only get it touch with a very successful investing strategy, but also with a team of professionals and PMP alumni for networking!





Thank you for your Attention!



We stick around for an informal Q&A session...

Moreover, a handout with more information and our contact details are available!



