# NATASHA CUPPS

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## EDUCATION

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, McCombs School of Business** – Austin, TX **May 2013**

**Master of Business Administration,** Full-Time Program

- Concentration in Finance / Investment Management
- Passed Level I and II in the CFA Institute Program
- Membership: Graduate Finance Association; Energy Finance Group; Graduate Business Adventure Team

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AT COLUMBIA** – Columbia, MO **May 2004**

**Bachelor of Arts in History**

- Graduated *magna cum laude*

## EXPERIENCE

**MBA INVESTMENT FUND, LLC** - Austin, TX **2011 - 2013**

*First legally constituted, private investment company overseeing $14M and managed by students*

**Portfolio Manager, Technology & Consumer Teams**

- One of 15 students selected to actively manage value, growth, and endowment portfolios
- Conducted fundamental research on technology and consumer stocks by building valuation models and presenting recommendations to advisor; resulted in the addition of attractive investments for the value and growth funds
- Served as Endowment Manager implementing a passive strategy for the Endowment Fund which focused on balancing future needs against current fund expenses and ensuring stable cash flow generation from quarter to quarter

**TRS** (Teacher Retirement System of Texas) - Austin, TX **Summer 2012**

*Investment corporation overseeing $110B in assets for the teacher's pension fund of the State of Texas*

**Summer Investment Contractor, External Private & Public Markets**

- Created Excel models to map the universe of investment managers; findings led to development of core infrastructure including 85 large buyout funds, 807 small/medium buyout funds, 930 venture funds, and 162 growth funds
- Researched and collected data on multi-family housing from 9 data providers evaluating 12+ metrics; results laid the foundation for a deep understanding of essential data quality issues across providers
- Conducted extensive quantitative and qualitative due diligence on 20 global natural resource investment managers to offset underweight to Australia and Canada; resulted in recommendation of 3 candidates to the TRS Premier List

**UTIMCO** (University of Texas Investment Management Company) - Austin, TX **2008 – 2011**

*Investment corporation overseeing $26.7B in assets for The University of Texas and Texas A&M Systems*

**Senior Investment Analyst, Public Markets Team**

- Led market analysis studies on Japan, consumer discretionary, financials, and utilities; results disseminated and used for portfolio asset allocation decisions, specifically for guidance on liquidation of existing investments
- Developed core portfolio monitoring infrastructure including country/sector exposure model, trend files, and optimal portfolio allocation model; results used as critical driver of monthly portfolio monitoring and pro forma asset allocation
- Underwrote new investment mandates ranging from $50-$150M by conducting return analysis, evaluating investment strategies, and performing reference checks on approximately three to six mandates annually

**DUMAC, LLC** – Durham, NC **2006 – 2008**

*Investment corporation overseeing $12.9B in assets for Duke University and The Duke Endowment*

**Investment Analyst, Public Securities Team**

- Led introductory calls with existing and potential investment managers; submitted assessment and follow-up recommendations to senior management, leading to visits with potential investment managers on annual Asia trips
- Oversaw annual investment manager factsheet project, resulting in thorough annual review of existing mandates; outcome presented at the 2007 Board meeting
- Conducted investment manager holding period analysis and due diligence on existing manager portfolio companies; findings facilitated discussion of portfolio construction and review of asset allocation

## ADDITIONAL

- Proficient in Bloomberg, FactSet, PerTrac, Preqin, Zephyr, Alternative Soft, Tamale, BNY Mellon performance analytics
- Member of the Texas Wall Street Women (2008 - present)
- Volunteered as math tutor at Reagan High School – Austin, TX (Spring 2009)
- Lived abroad in Barcelona, Spain (Summer 2002); avid poker player and ballroom/swing dancer