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EXPERIENCE

EQUITIES VALUATION RISK CONTROLLER

New York, NY

06/2015 – present

- Training opportunities/Constant development
- Preparing reports and documents that clearly explain and summarize the mark review issues for Senior Finance Management and the Business Units
- Being part of a Global Team
- Having an opportunity to work with different equity derivatives
- Regular interaction and liaison with Global Product Controllers, Trading Desk and other VRG teams regarding specific valuation issues
- Solid knowledge of Excel. VBA programming knowledge is an advantage
- Challenging existing processes and procedures to improve the quality and efficiency of the mark review and to proactively identify, monitor and manage both the known and unknown risk within those existing processes and procedures

03/2009 – 04/2015

VALUATION RISK CONTROLLER LENDING

Houston, TX

- Assist in developing new and revise existing valuation methodologies and procedures as necessary
- Ideal candidate would have direct working knowledge of syndicated corporate loan facilities
- Perform the mark review for primary corporate, commodities and/or project finance loans, verifying that marks are in accordance with established policy and procedures
- Liaise with product controllers, traders and risk management regarding valuation specific issues
- Perform reconciliations between the firms books and records and the underlying positions at month-end
- Prepare reports and documents that clearly explain and summarize the mark review issues for Senior Finance Management and the Business Units
- Identify, escalate and address valuation discrepancies, risks or other issues

03/2004 – 09/2008

VALUATION RISK CONTROLLER

Phoenix, AZ

- Monthly mark review production to ensure positions are marked correctly in the firm's books and records. It covers a broad range of listed and derivative products
- Interaction with the trading desks and other internal/external parties in New York, London and Hong Kong
- Preparing summaries on mark review results for senior finance executives and the Business Units
- Developing and standardizing the existing Mark Review processes
- Utilize proprietary models, Bloomberg, etc to derive market based prices for interest rate products
- Work closely with traders and risk management to resolve pricing disparities, substantiate significant mark ups/downs, and report valuation review results to senior management
- Work closely with strategy/modeling teams as well as model control to facilitate the development of improved valuation methodologies for interest rates products across the Firm

EDUCATION

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Bachelor's Degree in
Economics

SKILLS

- Good understanding of financial markets and products and ability to learn new products
- Ability to translate complex theoretical problems into smaller problems that can be solved practically
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills
- Solid knowledge of Excel. Comfort with and knowledge of programming is a plus as the role may work with valuation techniques and methodologies that may involve working with code
- 4+ years of finance
- Valuations experience with a focus on derivatives, structured products, and hard to value products (Level 3)
- Strong quantitative skills
- A successful candidate will be able to manage interest rates valuations to ensure compliance with FAS 157, fair value accounting policy and valuation controls as well as responsible for setup and consolidation of valuation results for the Interest Rates Group
- Utilize proprietary models, Bloomberg, etc to derive market based prices for interest rate products

