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EXPERIENCE

BLACKROCK, INC

Portfolio Management Group – BlackRock Systematic – Systematic Active Equity
Director, Head of Sustainable Alpha Research

San Francisco, CA
2011-Present

Leadership & Business Development

- Co-Head of Private Markets Research, BlackRock Systematic Active Equity (SAE)
- Co-Led Creation of BlackRock SAE ESG Platform, \$6BN Assets Under Management, Rated Silver by Morningstar
- Co-Led Development of BlackRock Systematic's Geospatial Modeling Group, Focus on Equities, Real Estate

Portfolio Management & Research

- Uncovered and Developed Systematic Alpha Insights for Physical Equities across Countries and Time Horizons
- Developed "Double Bottom Line" Research Framework for Systematic ESG & Alpha Research

Technical Depth

- Finance: Quantitative Investment Strategies, Financial Economics, Econometrics, Valuation, Portfolio Management
- Data Science: Machine Learning, Unstructured Data, Natural Language Processing, Geospatial Analysis

INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY & INVESTMENT GROUP

Portfolio and Quantitative Strategy Team
Associate

New York, NY
2009

LAZARD FRÈRES & CO, LLC.

Lazard Asset Management
Analyst

New York, NY
2008

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, LECTURES, & MEDIA

How Geospatial Data Can Inform Investing

Kazdin, J., Pensky, M.. *The Bid – BlackRock's Investment Podcast, April 27, 2023*

Extreme Weather and Retirement Savings

Kazdin, J., Daverman, T., Sloof, F. Pensky, M. *Climate Change & Retirement Investing Conference, JOIM 2022*

Uneven Impact: The Disproportionate Effect of Severe Climate Events on Low-Income Counties in California

Becker, T., Covert, A., Daverman, T., Kazdin, J., Pensky, M., Ren, H. *Blackrock, California Resilience Challenge 2022*

Climate Alpha with Predictors also Improving Firm Efficiency

Kazdin, J., Schwaiger, K., Wendt, V., Ang, A. *The Journal of Impact and ESG Investing Climate 2021, jesg.2021.1.030*

A Pitfall in Ethical Investing: ESG Disclosures Reflect Vulnerabilities, not Virtues

Garvey, G., Kazdin, J., LaFond, R., Nash, J., Safa, H. *Journal of Investment Management* (2017), Vol.15, No.2
Winner, 2017 Special Distinction Award, Journal of Investment Management

EDUCATION

MIT SLOAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Masters of Finance – GMAT 730

Cambridge, MA
2010-2011

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Economics – Honors, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – SAT 1510

Durham, NC
2004-2008

VOLUNTEER & OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Term Member

New York, NY
2022-Present

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Advisory Board

San Francisco, CA
2021-Present

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Language: English (Native), Chinese (Functional) *Coding:* Python, SQL, AWS, GCP *Hobbies:* Piano, Drums, Running