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What's your job title?

Equity Derivatives Inter-Dealer Broker

Why did you decide to do a placement?

I chose to do a placement year as I largely wanted to improve my CV and had an opportunity to do one in Dubai. The industry is notoriously difficult to break into, and I believed that a placement would give me a competitive edge for landing a graduate job.

What's your typical day?

We would trade the European Markets from Dubai, which due to the time difference meant late starts and late finishes. I'd typically have a relaxing morning, and then head into the office for 11am. I'd start with sorting emails and checking for any market updates and then the day would largely consist of talking to clients, finishing around 10pm.

What have you gained from your placement?

Aside from a nice paycheck, the opportunity to work in finance in Dubai for a year was an invaluable experience. I was able to create strong relationships with individuals in the sector and develop both my soft and technical skills. It has also made the transition to final year much easier, as I got back into having a good routine and daily structure which I have continued back in York.

How has this influenced your thoughts on what you would like to do in the future?

It confirmed to me that it is the career path that I want to pursue upon graduating from York, but that I want to do it at one of the major investment banks as opposed to a small-firm.