Nikhil Rao

ESG ANALYST

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SUMMARY

ESG analyst with 3 years at an asset manager and an equity research firm, covering ESG research on 120 industrials and energy companies. Builds ESG scoring from company filings, SASB Standards and third-party data, and writes engagement notes for portfolio managers. Uses Excel, Python and the Bloomberg Terminal to keep ESG data clean for SFDR reporting.

SKILLS

ESG Research • ESG Scoring • SASB Standards • TCFD • SFDR Reporting • Financial Modeling • Python
Excel • Bloomberg Terminal • Written Communication

EXPERIENCE

ESG Analyst 08/2023 - Present

Hudson Ridge Asset Management New York, NY

Asset manager with $38B under management across equity and fixed income.

- Analyze **120** industrials and energy companies, updating ESG scores after each annual report and controversy.
- Write 30 engagement notes a year for portfolio managers on emissions targets, board quality and safety records.
- Automated ESG data pulls in Python, cutting the quarterly data refresh from 5 days to 1.
- Compile SFDR reporting data for 14 funds each quarter with the client reporting team.

Research Associate 06/2022 - 07/2023

Lexington Square Equity Research New York, NY

Independent equity research firm covering about 400 US companies.

- Built financial modeling files in Excel for 15 energy and utility companies, including emissions per dollar of revenue.
- Summarized 40 earnings calls a quarter for 3 senior analysts.
- Compared TCFD disclosures for 25 utilities in a peer table used in a published client report.
- Pulled pricing and fundamentals from the Bloomberg Terminal for weekly sector updates sent to 200 clients.

Sustainable Finance Intern 06/2021 - 08/2021

Greenwich Street Impact Partners New York, NY

Summer internship at an impact investing advisory firm.

- Screened 60 green bond issues against the firm's use-of-proceeds criteria.
- Built an Excel database of 200 companies' emissions targets from public sustainability reports.
- Drafted 3 sections of a client white paper on climate risk in utility portfolios.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 05/2022

New York University New York, NY

Economics

CERTIFICATES

Certificate in ESG Investing

CFA Institute

03/2024