

Ovidiu FER

Born: 31st December 1983

Nationality: Romanian

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 - present Alpha Quest Funds Sicav
Czech Republic, Malta, Romania

Co-founder, Managing Director

- AIFMD compliant Investment Fund structure, with cca EUR 150m AUM, focusing on Central and Eastern European opportunities in listed, unlisted and special situations investments.
- Currently the main investment is in the Romanian Restitution Points, a 5-year receivable on the Romanian government, yielding double digit annual return.

2020 - present Med Life SA

Romania

Board Member

- Serving as Independent Non-Executive Board Member in Romania's largest healthcare group.

2018 - present GapMinder VC Fund

Romania

Advisory Board

- Romanian Venture Capital Fund with cca EUR 40m AUM, backed by the European Investment Fund and several local financial institutions.
- Eight active seed investments, including FintechOs, Druid and TypingDNA as well as 27 pre-seed investments concluded.

2014 - 2016 IJC Funds

Czech Republic, Malta

Investment Committee member

- Assisted in the launch of a Special Opportunities Fund of the Czech Family office, mainly focused on providing exposure to the ongoing points restitutions in Romania and various other alternative investments in the South East Europe;
- In charge of building the largest portfolio of points on the market (cca 150m) in over 100 trades and helping a successful exit in Dec 2016 which generated a total return for investors of cca 33% in 20months.

2013 - 2014 Elliott Advisors

UK, Romania

External advisor

- Advised the US/UK based hedge fund in quantifying the claim and filling an expert report to the court in a legal dispute with a minority shareholder of Romania's Fondul Proprietatea, where Elliott was the largest shareholder

Country manager

- Played an important active role in setting up WOOD & Company in the Romanian equity market, performing a wide variety of tasks from research to sales and idea origination as well as maintaining the relationship with the local regulators and market institutions.
- Participated in the largest and most relevant transactions across the region: the SPO of the Romania natural gas transport monopoly Transgaz, the ABB of EUR 65m in OMV Petrom, the placement of 5% of SIF Moldova, as well as several cross-border listing (with the most relevant being the double listing of Sopharma- Bulgaria's top pharma company- in Warsaw).

Equity analyst

- Financial valuation and earnings forecast of publicly listed companies, macroeconomic overview and strategies.
- Covered the most liquid Romanian equities (ranging from banks, to utilities and funds: BRD, Banca Transilvania, Fondul Proprietatea, SIFs, Transelectrica, Transgaz and Bucharest Stock Exchange) as well as the CEE Pharma sector (Krka, Egis, Gedeon Richter).
- In doing so I have successfully become one of the most important equity analysts on the domestic market, rated on Bloomberg and Extel Thompson survey.

2005 - 2007 KTD Invest

Romania

Financial analyst

- Responsible for editing daily reports on the Bucharest Stock Exchange, Sibiu Monetary-Financial and Commodities Exchange, Central and Eastern European Markets and International Markets; Responsible for editing weekly reports regarding the domestic Investment Funds.
- Handled the collection and dissemination of financial data, performed trend analysis and provided management reporting.
- Actively supported the implementing of Saxo Bank trading platform to the Romanian investors.

EDUCATION

2013 - 2014	INSEAD, MBA Class of July 2014	Singapore/France
	Awarded the INSEAD Henry Grunfeld Scholarship	

2002 - 2006	Academy of Economic Studies	Romania
	Major in Finance, Insurance, Banking and Stock Exchange	

Additional courses:

2021 Harvard Business School - Strategy for Healthcare Delivery Course

2024 Wharton - Hedge Fund and Buy-Side investing Certificate

LANGUAGES Romanian (Native), English (Fluent), French (Practical), Czech (Practical)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- **Entrepreneurship:** member of **TechAngels**- local angel investor group; active investor in several start ups, primarily focused on RPA, medtech and fintech;
- **NGO:** member of OPPC, an initiative to improve the regulatory environment in the Romanian equity market
- **AIESEC:** member for two years of Europe's largest student organizations, participant in the Exchange program

Social Responsibility

- Founder and President of the **Education through Rugby Foundation**, aimed at providing development for local clubs and underprivileged kids in Romania;