Interview Assessment #8

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Assessment :

Through this interview I was hoping to gain a stronger vantage point over finance as a whole and the ins and outs of the day to day life of a Senior Financial Analyst. I was able to learn the variation between virtual and in-office work that financial analysts face and the ability to move to mostly virtual work after the internship and starting period in a corporation. However, the length of this period will be determined by each company and their separate rules.

I also hoped to learn more about the difference between corporate versus banking finance and how becoming a financial analyst is different from an actuary. It was very unexpected to find how different these two fields were and how different actuaries ended up being than from financial analysts. I was shocked to see how much Actuaries drive business performance, compared to analysts focusing on forecasting budgeting. I care about this because it helped me understand more about the different fields of finance to help refocus my original work's purpose to align with my hopeful future career.

I think the most interesting thing I learned about though by far was a P&L statement which is something I had never heard of before, but is very important in the world of finance. I was able to understand the importance of an Income statement which I was able to use later in

my research speech and with other interviews to discuss how they use these concepts in their day to day lives.

Another thing we discussed is how to go about completing my valuation for my original work in which we discussed what type of company would be best to use. This consisted of choosing a parent company like Nike or just a major scale company like Starbucks so their revenues and takes would be easy to find. This would allow it to be easier to determine their balance sheet of each Fiscal year which would help me in determining other data like the free cash flow or operating data.

Lastly, we discussed the importances of discounted cash flow. In simple terms if you get all your future money how much would it cost if you had it right at this moment, which can be easily changed by insurances. I hoped to understand this to better understand what a free cash flow means which would be used in my valuation and for my projected annual forecast.

Everything we discussed during this interview helped me create the layout for my valuation which is going to help me with my original work and later my final product in creating the important factors that determine how much a company will be worth in the future. This interview really helped me solidify the main points I should hit in my valuation while also helping me decide on a company that would be good to construct my research on. Which I chose to do for Starbucks as it is a major corporation with information available to the public, allowing me to complete many parts of the valuation that financial professionals would also be able to.