

Research Assistant - Sovereign & International Public Finance Ratings Frankfurt

We are looking for a highly skilled individual to join our Sovereign & International Public Ratings group at the Research Assistant level to be based in our Frankfurt office, primarily focusing on but not limited to German-speaking local and regional governments. The team works on a combination of issuer and transaction ratings, providing an interesting mix and opportunities to learn different skills.

Responsibilities:

Research duties:

- Develop and maintain a centralized source of information using client information (budgets, financial plans and projections), but also Bloomberg and other information services and Internet sites, providing the team with updated information on stories and breaking news as required.
- Attend analysts meetings and assist in the financial modelling of information.
- Ensure relevant analysts are aware of developments and are involved in the surveillance of data, its collection and processing.
- Collate material for management meetings, reports and press releases

Specific research projects:

- Assist senior analysts working on a wide variety of ad hoc projects including database support, market research, and general marketing efforts (i.e., that do not involve fee discussions, negotiations, or arrangements). Also participate in ad hoc projects together with S&P affiliates.
- Carry out research for industry monitoring and potential new business.

Spreadsheet/Database duties:

- Collect and maintain information and data for the development of databases.
- Develop spreadsheet statistics, including peer group analysis.
- Maintain active and effective spreadsheet databases, ensuring receipt and process of all necessary data in a timely fashion.
- Co-ordinate with global offices to ensure data is treated consistently across international borders and available to the Standard & Poor's global network.

Publishing:

- Update rationales, including tables, and coordinate with editors.
- Provide statistical data for local publication.
- Coordinate Global Sector Reviews, both statistics and text.
- Work in conjunction and at the direction of senior analysts in preparing necessary information for rating committee presentations.

Required:

- Be educated to degree level in a business related field.
- Have up to one year work experience.
- Be an intelligent and highly motivated individual.
- The ability to think analytically; the ability to collate information into reasoned arguments; the ability to manage competing priorities; the ability to manage one's own time effectively; ability to work in a team; effective communication skills (oral, written, presentation).
- Possess strong PC skills and an excellent level of understanding of the Internet.
- Have the ability to maintain accuracy whilst complying with deadlines. A strong sense of diligence and in your approach to analytic work.
- Be willing to learn and to demonstrate the benefits of job-related training course.
- Becoming familiar with S&P products, systems and processes.
- Understanding the complexities of the Credit Ratings business.
- The major challenge in this role is to be able to handle pressure and deadlines on a frequent basis.

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