

EXPERIENCE

ELEVATE POWER

New York, NY

Chief Investment Officer (CIO)

2023 – ...

- Responsible for developing and executing Elevate Power’s investment and capital raising strategy
- Raised over \$300mm and signed four distinct M&A agreements to acquire over 100 MW of distributed hydro assets within the first six months of employment and within the first year of company’s founding, increasing the size of company’s asset fleet by 5x and capital stack by 6x

CIBC CAPITAL MARKETS

New York, NY

Director, Energy, Infrastructure & Transition

2021 – 2023

- Lead transactions in solar, wind, battery storage, and hydrogen project finance and M&A, covering financial structuring and modeling, due diligence and negotiations, and transaction management
- **M&A (buy-side):** Most recently supported a global asset manager in its acquisition of a 2.3 GW C&I platform; supported a large global IPP in bidding for two recent utility scale solar platform auctions
- **M&A (sell-side):** Marketed a 2.2 GW solar portfolio for a global IPP, a 1.2 GW wind portfolio for a global asset manager, a C&I development platform with 8 GW pipeline

COHNREZNICK CAPITAL

San Francisco, CA

Vice President

2016 – 2021

- **M&A (sell-side):** Sold two top-tier solar platforms with pipelines of over 11 GW and 10 GW; sold a wind platform with over 30 GW pipeline
- **M&A (buy-side):** Supported a global asset manager in its acquisition of 1.9 GW of wind and solar assets from a yieldco
- **Debt (sell-side):** Raised \$920mm in private placement debt financing for a pension-backed developer’s 1.2 GW operational solar and wind portfolio, representing 47 projects in eight states, four different tax equity structures
- **Tax equity (sell-side):** Raised \$350mm for a 327 MW solar + storage project in Nevada (unitranche structure); raised \$160mm for a 165 MW wind farm in Illinois (yield-based flip); \$36mm for an 18 MW solar portfolio in Maryland (sale-leaseback); and \$12mm for a 6 MW solar farm in Massachusetts (sale-leaseback)

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)

New York, NY

Master of International Affairs in Global Energy Management and Policy, 3.70 GPA

2016

- **Finance Coursework:** Accounting, Corporate Finance, Capital Markets, Energy Project Finance, Financing Clean Energy
- **Policy Coursework:** Energy Policy, Energy Economics, Climate Change Law, Quantitative Analysis, Decision Models
- **Teaching:** Graduate Teaching Assistant for Energy Systems Fundamentals and Macroeconomics (top ~5% in school)

OKAN UNIVERSITY

Istanbul, Turkey

Dual BA, Chinese Studies & International Relations, 3.94 GPA, Valedictorian

2014

- **Leadership:** Elected Representative (two years) and President (one year) of the Student Council, representing 15k students
- **Study Abroad in Shanghai, China:** Two semesters; Chinese Government Scholarship (awarded to top ~5%)
- **Study Abroad in Jena, Germany:** Two semesters; European Union Erasmus Scholarship (awarded to top ~3%)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Teaching:** Adjunct Professor at Johns Hopkins University for renewable energy project finance
- **Language Proficiencies:** Turkish (native), English (fluent), Chinese, Spanish (conversational)
- **Leadership:** Fellow at Clean Energy Leadership Institute’s (CELI) inaugural SF cohort and current lead curriculum manager for the financial markets module
- **Award:** 2020 GreenBiz “30 Under 30” awardee; 2021 finalist for the Ten Outstanding Young People (TOYP) award for Moral and Environmental Leadership; Judge for the Cleanie Awards, largest clean energy award program in the US
- **Volunteering:** Team Captain for 2022 Climate Ride in Glacier National Park, fundraised ~\$77,000 for nature conservancy
- **Certifications:** CFA charter holder; earned Advanced Financial Modeler designation by Financial Modeling Institute (FMI)
- **Personal:** PADI & SSI Scuba Diving Instructor, snowboarding enthusiast, rock drummer, certified personal fitness trainer