



Analyst Spotlight: Nick Buckley

In this spotlight, we take a look at what inspires and informs Arnerich Massena Research Analyst Nick Buckley; what drew him to this industry, what keeps him here, and the resources he draws on to meet the challenges of his work every day.



What's your role as a research analyst?

I'm responsible for manager due diligence on existing as well as potential fund managers across asset classes. I also follow current events closely, thinking through their potential impact on different markets and help out with any other ad hoc project requests.

How did you choose this line of work?

My father has invested in the stock market since before I was born and followed it closely, so I've been exposed to markets for as long as I can remember. And once I grew out of the dream of becoming a professional athlete, I started searching for a career that piques my curiosity and challenges me but that also benefits something other than a bank account. Getting the chance to do research for foundations and people's retirement portfolios is something that I find extremely fulfilling and worthwhile.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I've always enjoyed following what's going on in the world and this job has that in spades, plus the variety that comes with each day keeps me on my toes. I also really appreciate how welcoming everyone has been in my first month and the team-first attitude everyone seems to have.

What challenges you in your role?

Sifting through differing opinions from portfolio managers and economists that have more experience than me and trying to come up with my own actionable and (hopefully) coherent outlook. Also, I'm not great at saying

"no," so it may be difficult finding ways to turn down prospective managers at first.

What's your go-to source for investment information?

I try to go to the source as much as possible, whether that's looking through underlying data or following Fed releases. I also read as much as I can from industry leaders and look to [Bloomberg](#) or the [Financial Times](#) for current events not covered by other avenues.

What's your favorite investment/finance-related podcast?

The *Financial Times'* [News Briefing](#) is a nice, ten-minute overview of global news stories that I listen to just about every day on the way to work.



What do you like to do when you are not working?

I'm getting back into tennis and enjoy getting outside any time I can: golf, hiking, pub crawl...etc. My wife and I also aren't immune to a nice weekend of binge watching a show and ordering take-out.

How did you land in Portland, Oregon?

I met my wife in San Francisco in 2014 and after dating there for a few years, we started talking about mov-

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ing in together but wanted a change of scenery. We landed on Portland when I got a contract offer to work at Nike for their Strategic Partnerships team in the Sustainability, Business, and Innovation department. Since my wife grew up here and her parents are still in town, it didn't take much convincing before we made our way up to Portland.

What was your first job?

Tennis instructor. Loved it, got to spend the summer outside, getting paid to herd kids.

What quote inspires you?

Whether you think you can or you think you can't — you're right." -Henry Ford (A play on the Confucius quote of "He who says he can and he who says he can't, are both usually right.")

What is your favorite short story that inspires you?

After a show, a woman approached Jascha Heifetz and said, "I'd give my life to play like you," and he simply replied, "I did."

What is your favorite movie that inspires you?

[The Pursuit of Happiness](#); it always gets a little dusty toward the end.

