



Role Profile

Senior Research Analyst (Infrastructure)

Location

Gloucester, GL3 4AH

Salary

Competitive Salary DOE

Contract Type

Permanent / Full-Time

Blackfinch Group is an award-winning investment specialist with a heritage dating back over 25 years. A trusted provider, we work in partnership with advisers. Our businesses cover tax-efficient solutions, early stage investing, managed portfolio services, property financing and renewable energy. As an environmental, social and governance (ESG) investor, we work for a positive impact. We're proud to be entrusted with over £600 million in assets under management and administration.



Purpose of Role

This opportunity is a key position in our expanding Research team with a clear career path to lead or co-lead an infrastructure fund. The role requires a talented individual to conduct research with a global remit in the investment trust sector focused on infrastructure and energy assets. You will have experience conducting bottom-up and data-driven research in the infrastructure and energy space, generating ideas and writing research reports for portfolio managers and/or an investment committee. The ideal candidate will lead on the full investment process, and should be able to construct a diversified portfolio of investment trusts under our multi-asset investment mandate.

Key Accountabilities

- Construct and manage a sub-portfolio of investment trusts focused on infrastructure and energy assets for Blackfinch's multi-asset portfolios.
- Generate investment ideas across the global infrastructure and energy markets using previous experience in the sector.
- Gather and analyse data from numerous sources to drive investment decisions and performance.
- Conduct all required financial modelling to support any investment decision.
- Perform management and site visits as required on potential investments.
- Compile findings into written research reports for the Head of Research and Investment Committee.
- Keep updated on changing economic and/or political developments that would impact the infrastructure and energy markets.
- Liaise with internal Blackfinch teams to both share research findings, and also as part of the knowledge gathering process.
- Support efforts for any new product launch relating to the infrastructure and/or energy sector.
- Be a leading infrastructure and energy sector expert across Blackfinch Group.
- Be the technical lead for any junior level analysts and be able to delegate tasks.

Essential Experience

General

- Be a cultural ambassador for Blackfinch and lead by example. Fostering a can-do attitude and one that develops all staff to aspire to continuously improve.
- Ensure compliance with all company policies, regulatory, professional and legal requirements.
- Attend ad-hoc industry conferences, networking and corporate hospitality events (as agreed with the Head of Research) to represent and promote the Blackfinch brand / grow professional network.

- Senior industry experience in either buy-side or sell-side, and have demonstrable knowledge covering the infrastructure sector.
- Demonstrate existing relationships with companies in the infrastructure space.
- Provide examples of using data-driven analysis to guide investment decisions.
- Show an ability to interpret complex data and their impacts on markets, with particular focus on infrastructure and energy.
- Have excellent interpersonal skills and a desire to work with various teams.
- Have an excellent ability to simply articulate complex issues, both in written form and verbally.
- Be highly confident numerically and be proficient with Microsoft Office and in particular Excel, in addition to a financial data package such as Bloomberg.
- Be a strong team player and have an innate ability in supporting colleagues.
- Have a demonstrable commercial mindset and proactive approach to networking and growing a network of contacts.
- Ability to work within a fast-paced environment and meet stretching deadlines.
- High level of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Must be able to work independently and proactively.

Qualifications

- Hold a 2:1 degree or equivalent qualification.
- A relevant professional qualification e.g. CFA is desirable.

If you believe you have the skills and experience for this role, we'd be interested to hear from you.

Apply by sending your CV and any other supporting documents to **HR@blackfinch.co.uk**.

If you require any further information about this role, we're here to help, contact us on 01452 717070.

Our Values

At Blackfinch we're working to make a difference in the world. We partner with advisers to meet client and business aims. Inspired by the work of Charles Darwin, we're named after one of Darwin's finches, which influenced his theories of evolution.

Our values of 'adapt', 'evolve' and 'thrive' run through everything we do. We continually adapt to changing markets, providing evolved products so that our customers can thrive. These values inform our work as an ESG investor, working towards a more sustainable future.



Offering a supportive environment, championing continuing professional development and sponsoring staff for qualifications.



One of the friendliest businesses in financial services, supporting our people, customers and investee companies.



Providing opportunities to progress plus to take up benefits, and to get involved in sponsorship and charity work
