James Creedy Smith

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PROFILE HIGHLIGHTS

- Macroeconomist with experience across both advanced and EM economies, providing quantitative and qualitative analysis, macroeconomic modelling and country risk assessment for institutional audiences.
- Proficient in Python, R and Excel; technical experience includes time-series and panel regression modelling, building and maintaining a large-scale multi-country quantitative scoring framework and econometric analyses of inflation and monetary policy dynamics.
- Experienced in translating complex economic and political analysis into written publications, presentations and client-facing outputs for institutional and external audiences.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Economist, AM Best (London) **05/2025 – Present**

- Economist in the country risk team, providing economic, political and financial analysis across 100+ markets, with a focus on EMEA and AP.
- Primarily responsible for maintaining a model in Python that scores 140+ countries on 100+ economic, political and financial variables.
- Provide cross-country economic and political commentary to ratings analysts orally and in writing through quarterly reports, rating committees and ad hoc updates. Examples include a report on USD depreciation in 2025, starting a biweekly newsletter sent to analysts covering market-relevant themes and a quantitative analysis of US and EU inflation dynamics in response to energy price shocks.
- Used Excel and Python to conduct bootstrapping- and regression-based diagnostic analysis of trends in country risk scores, informing assessments given to analysts of prospective score changes.
- Presented on Eurozone economy to audience of around 100. Analysis included decomposing drivers of changing bond yields and developing a regression model for the EZ 10-year yield.
- Provided external-facing updates on monetary policy and economic developments in Europe, published on company's media channels.

Economist, S&P Global Ratings (London) **07/2024 – 12/2024**

- Applied the Blanchard-Bernanke inflation model to the UK to analyse sources of UK inflation. Constructed conditional forecasts of the impact of changing economic scenarios on the path for UK inflation.
- Autonomously produced a graph showing a model-based decomposition of sources of UK inflation that featured in the Guardian.
- Performed regression modelling in Excel to evaluate pass-through from raw energy prices into UK energy CPI data.
- Conducted quantitative and qualitative research on the economic dynamics of the global green transition, producing analysis of trade, production and policy trends across key economies for presentation to internal climate working group.

Research Analyst, Global Counsel (London) **10/2022 - 08/2023**

- Undertook market research across 15+ projects on political and business issues, working collaboratively on 3+ projects simultaneously in a fast-paced, client-facing environment.
- Independently collected, analysed and presented data for a monthly political opinion monitor, tracking trends across key political and consumer indicators for the research team.

EDUCATION

MSc Economics and Finance, King's College London (Distinction) **09/2023 - 09/2024**

- High Merit or Distinction grades across macroeconomic theory & policy, time-series econometrics, portfolio analysis and risk management.
- Dissertation used Bayesian SVAR in MATLAB to assess different UK monetary policy responses to a supply shock. Graded 80/100.

BSc Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics, University of Amsterdam (1st) **09/2018 - 07/2022**

- Specialised in politics and economics with a minor in data science. GPA 8.2/10 (8/10 is roughly equivalent to 1st).

OTHER SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES

- Technical skills: Excel, Python, MATLAB, R; models used: univariate and multivariate time-series, fixed effects, ML, Bayesian.
- Languages: French (intermediate).
- Professional development: CFA Level 1 (first attempt); Society for Technical Analysts Part 1 (passed with Merit); online courses with BSE and IMF on macroeconometric forecasting and nowcasting models.

References are available on request.