

Private Equity Intern – Job Description

About Argos Wityu

Argos Wityu (www.argos.wityu.fund) is an independent European private equity firm with offices in Brussels, Paris, Geneva, Frankfurt, Milan, and Luxembourg and is fully owned and operated by its 10 Partners. As an entrepreneurial and business-minded investment fund, we take majority stakes in medium-sized companies across Europe and currently manage €1.2bn in assets under management, with the latest fund closed in 2017 at €520m.

We invest for majority stakes across all industries in companies valued between €20-250m. Our focus is primarily on complex transactions incl. management buy-in, management buy-out, carve-out, and complex shareholder situations, favouring business transformation and growth before leverage. Our approach is characterized by a close relationship with management teams, an entrepreneurial spirit, transparency, and a strong sense of social responsibility. Over the past 30 years, we operated 7 funds and carried out more than 80 transactions.

In May 2013, we opened the Brussels office, with the ambition to target the Benelux market. Since then, we executed 4 transactions in the Benelux. Our local Benelux team currently consists of 6 investment professionals.

Job Description

We are currently looking to reinforce our local Brussels, Belgium-based investment team with a Private Equity Intern. As an Intern, you will be part of a team of 3 Partners, 2 Associates, and 1 Analyst. You will be given the opportunity to work alongside the investment professionals and will be involved in most aspects of our day-to-day work. The focus of the role is on commercial/market research and proprietary sourcing research to identify potential transaction targets.

- **Proprietary sourcing:** support deal origination through market research and company screening
 - o Research company & transaction databases to create company profiles and present to the investment team
 - o Map markets and sub-sectors to identify potential investment opportunity areas
- **Deal execution:** Support the investment professionals in execution of investment opportunities through:
 - o Analysing markets, competition, strategy, and other components in deal opportunities
 - o Preparation and presentation of financial models and analyses
 - o Valuations exercises incl. comparable transactions and listed comparable companies
- **Portfolio:** Ad-hoc tasks to support management teams of portfolio companies in key questions and value creation

Candidate Profile

- **Education:** Master student with outstanding academics. Business/econ/management/finance studies preferred.
- **Language skills:** English/Dutch required. French proficiency a plus.
- **Research & analytical skills:** ability to synthesize and process data and identify underlying trends / identify insight
- **Character:** Interesting, motivated, and ambitious individuals with high curiosity – this is a role with a steep learning curve. We do not expect you to be an expert at financial models or investing but do expect a willingness to learn!
- **Team player:** we work and play as a team. You should have strong communication skills and a positive can-do attitude. Moreover, we look for someone to enjoy lunch or a drink with as much as crack a difficult question.
- **Self-starter:** although you are part of a team, we expect high levels of initiative and an independent work attitude

Our offer

- The internship will allow you to experience the challenge of working in a pan-European private equity fund
- Multi-faceted learning opportunities through market research, investment screening, and deal cycle exposure
- Guidance and mentoring through a flat organisation structure – our doors are always open
- Access to training and professional development resources
- The role is remunerated in line with the market for an internship of this type

Location, Duration, & Application

- Minimum of 3 months. We hire interns throughout the year with preference given to those with longer timeframes
- Current role under consideration for summer period (commence late June/early July)
- Role based out of Brussels; physical presence required (COVID-suitable measures in place)
- If of interest, please send a cover letter and CV to nho@argos.fund