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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Hussein Tarhini for a year and a half now. He took three of my graduate financial engineering courses (on fixed-income securities, portfolio management and derivatives pricing) in Fall 2008, Spring 2009 and Summer 2009. Hussein performed very well in these three courses, ranking on top of two of the classes (having around 20 students each), and with a grade equivalent to A in all three classes.

Hussein displayed high mathematical and analytical reasoning skills while taking my courses. His contributions to in-class discussions were quite insightful, concise, and reflect a high maturity. Hussein speaks and writes English well and his communication skills are good.

Based on his excellent performance in my courses, I hired Hussein as a research assistant this semester. For the last few months, we have been working on a challenging retail management problem. Hussein quickly read and understood the related literature and then picked-up on the research by proving important analytical results and coming-up with interesting counter-intuitive examples. I am optimistic that the results of this research will be published in a respectful journal.

Hussein has demonstrated the ability and maturity to pursue serious research. He is also hard working and has a pleasant modest personality. I highly recommend Hussein for a doctoral study in Operations Research.

Sincerely,

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