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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Samuel Walter Utzinger, who completed his internship as a Research Associate with Brickfort Ltd in London from June to August 2025. During his time with us, Samuel demonstrated exceptional analytical ability, intellectual curiosity, and technical skill. Qualities that make him ideally suited for research-intensive and quantitative roles.

At Brickfort, Samuel worked under my supervision as part of our algorithmic trading research team, where he focused on developing and optimising systematic trading strategies using Python and Quant Connect's LEAN engine. His work required strong quantitative reasoning, data analysis, and applied programming capabilities, skills he applied diligently and creatively throughout his internship.

One of Samuel's most notable contributions was his written analysis titled "*Rethinking the Quant Connect Project: Alpha Research and LEAN Docker*," in which he critically assessed our existing strategy architecture and proposed a pivot towards alpha discovery through robust data-driven research. His insights reflected a mature understanding of both quantitative finance principles and the computational frameworks underlying algorithmic systems. Moreover, his ability to articulate complex technical ideas with clarity and precision was awe-inspiring for someone at the internship level.

Beyond his technical skills, Samuel was a delight to collaborate with—competent, methodical, and proactive. He always aimed to understand not only the "how," but also the "why" behind our research methods. His clear writing, disciplined coding, and problem-solving approach made a lasting impression on our team.

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I am confident that Samuel will excel in any research or quantitative position he pursues. His combination of technical acumen, analytical depth, and intellectual curiosity would make him an asset to any organisation.

Please feel free to contact me at e.igbinovia@brickfort.co.uk should you require further details.

Yours sincerely,

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