Dear xxxx

My name is xxxxxx and I am a recent economics graduate from [Target School in my country]. I am writing to apply for the Investment Analyst position with xxxxx, as advertised through [my university's] Careers Service. I have enclosed my resume for your reference.

I have a long held interest in the financial markets having been introduced to investment by my grandfather in my final years of high school. Being naturally analytical I was immediately attracted by the depth and breadth of research involved in the process of stock picking. This led to my study of economics at university, with the aim of further developing my understanding of some of the forces acting upon the financial markets. I believe the knowledge, analytical skills and quantitative ability developed through my degree, combined with my personal interest in investment will make me a particularly good fit for this role.

I am currently employed within Corporate Finance at [Big 4 firm], working as a Transaction Services associate. My aim in working within corporate finance was to develop my skills in the analysis of individual companies, with the goal of improving my ability in bottom up stock picking and leveraging those skills into a future career in asset management.

The reason I am applying to your firm after a short time with [Big 4 firm] is that I believe this is an ideal opportunity for me, and I could not pass up the chance to work with, and contribute to, such a high quality team. I am excited by the learning and development opportunity that it presents. [Firm I'm applying to]'s excellent track record and your responsible investment approach are highly impressive, even in spite of the current macroeconomic environment. The [specific group of funds] and [specific group of funds] are of particular interest to me, and I also look forward to learning more about your other asset classes.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss my qualifications with you and learn more about [firm I'm applying to] at your earliest convenience. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.