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RE: Matthew Manley

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am delighted to recommend Matthew Manley as a course instructor. Matt worked with me at New York University's Stern School of Business during the Spring 2025 semester on an Experiential Learning Fintech course with client partner company Morningstar, Inc. Matt was a member of the Morningstar sponsoring executive team and supervised one of the four student-led projects. Matt brought the following exceptional qualities to his role in the classroom:

- A deep understanding of the subject matter (in this case integrating quantitative portfolio data and analytics with user-friendly visualizations) and ability to convey it accessibly
- The discipline and leadership to support the students in learning during the project while also encouraging them to deliver on their project goals
- Intellectual commitment to marrying academic insights with real-world skills to develop deeper understanding for faculty, students, and professional colleagues

In sum, Matt brings everything one would hope for in a teacher: intellectual curiosity, skill conveying complex topics to students, and rigor combined with positive energy.

Sincerely,

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