

# InvestiQuant

## Investor Spotlight: Matt & Mathilde

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### Who We Are

We are an international couple currently living in France and moving back to Australia later this year. Mathilde grew up in Paris and Normandy and completed a Masters in International Affairs. Matt was raised in south-east Queensland, has served as an Officer in the Australian Army for over 20 years, and has a Masters in Strategy and Policy. We have lived in three continents and our son was born in Virginia during a military posting to the US. After the birth of our daughter, we settled in Brittany, France. Our next chapter is to return to Australia so the kids can embrace another culture!



### Our History with iQ

The 2008 Financial Crisis took the shine off our simple leveraged buy and hold investment approach. Seeking a more comprehensive strategy to trade in both directions we discovered Scott when he was known as ‘the Gap Guy.’ Consolidating this data-driven trading method into ‘Master the Gap,’ Scott later founded iQ. We are comfortable with iQ products because we’ve seen them evolve, become more robust, and stand the test of time in an extremely demanding industry.

Scott has remained available and accessible mentoring us in the industry since 2011. A changing moment for us was attending their inaugural InvestiQuant Conference in Chicago, 2014. We met the iQ team and were reassured to see like-minded clients with similar philosophies and approaches. There are some things you can’t quantify but we just felt like we were in the right room with the right people. As an Army family, knowing that Scott and David were West Point grads gave us an insight into their honest and upfront character. Trust is critical as we’re ultimately investing resources with them that we want our children to inherit – we’re playing the long game.

### Our Investment Goals and Strategies



Our strategy is to accumulate a diversified portfolio in various currencies and tax-advantageous retirement systems. The majority of our capital is committed to long term asset classes such as property, stocks, bonds and we recently added a more speculative holding of crypto. A portion of our liquid assets is committed to active management which we have traded in futures since 2010. As early adopters, we have seen the benefits of diversifying our nest egg with the iQ autotrading portfolio.

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### How We Use InvestiQuant

For over a decade we have traded around the world enjoying the geographic flexibility the investment medium offers. We've purchased many of InvestiQuant's products for traders over the years and used their data to inform our discretionary futures trading. However, it took us too long to realize that finding a pattern in the market and trading it profitably and consistently were very different things. Crunching spreadsheets is endlessly hard work and iQ's custom tools/data offered insights we couldn't gain with our 'hand-crafted' results. Different time zones can make it difficult on family life so we enrolled in the iQ autotrading portfolio when it was first released. It was a leap of faith in people, data, software and algorithms that we didn't take lightly.



Having traded our own account and 'getting our hands dirty' we appreciate the ability to purchase one inclusive solution. The iQ autotraded programs have allowed us to leverage their expertise, backtesting tools, data-base, and most importantly, hands free trade execution and professional monitoring. Owning gold can hedge stocks in a sell-off, but so can a well-timed short position. We're happy to enroll in the same program the iQ staff use so everyone gains from their incentive to continuously improve the performance.

### Advice for Investors

**Diversify.** As the global economy responds to war, a pandemic, inflation, unprecedented government stimulus and scaling it back, we can be certain the future isn't known. There are countless investment vehicles on the market and iQ portfolios offer diversified long term capital preservation and growth.

**Don't panic!** If you only looked at the SP500 chart in February and March 2020 (the pandemic fear sell-off) you wouldn't touch it with a barge pole. You would also be missing out on the investment vehicle that made Warren Buffet a very wealthy (and patient) man. If in doubt, click and zoom out. Knowing that we will hold our investments for years means we don't have to frantically monitor them. If you invest in an iQ portfolio, fund it appropriately and you won't have to worry about drawdowns.

**Ask.** We have always been impressed by the knowledge and speed of responses from the iQ staff. They have always provided the information we need to research, assess and make the right decisions for our diversification needs. iQ is able to offer us a quality product that rounds out our investment landscape.

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