

CAREER TRANSITION

CASE STUDY: JOCKEY to GLOBAL EQUITY ANALYST

Name: Richard Killoran **Age:** 34

From: Galway, Ireland

Playing Career Summary:

Richard was a professional Jump jockey based with champion trainer Nicky Henderson. He had 1000+ rides and 100 winners. Winning at the Cheltenham Paddy Power meeting was one of the highlights as well as riding at both the Cheltenham and Aintree festivals. Richard retired in 2013 at the age of 27 to pursue a career in finance.

New Career: Global Equity Analyst

Support from Player Association:

Initial conversations with JETS helped in learning what courses or qualifications would help break into a finance career. This led to a 3 month trading course as well as supporting Richard financially through his qualifications.

Career Transition Highlights:

- Becoming an analyst and having lead coverage of CCLA's consumer sector.
- Passing all 3 Chartered Financial Analysts exams with scores in the top 10% of candidates while having left school at 14 with no qualifications.
- Winner of the JETS Richard Davis Award (career development awards for jockeys).

Career Transition Challenges:

- Found it mentally difficult to adjust that his riding career was over and if he had made the right decision.
- Switching from a job that was physically demanding job to one that was purely psychological was a challenge.



“ It has been a challenge starting a completely different new career from scratch. The learning curve has been steep within a fast pace environment and is continuously challenging. ”