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Australian citizenship with a Dependent's Pass application providing ability to work in Singapore with a Letter of Consent.

Industrious accountant with 10 years' experience in a range of listed companies. Strong technical knowledge, CPA and practical implementation experience of improvement initiatives for financial services and property industry. Full finance and treasury function responsibility. Management of small teams and project groups.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 2014 – June 2017

Propertylink

Financial Controller

Summary of responsibilities

Full finance and treasury function. Management reporting for investment mandates in excess of \$1 Billion in asset value. Statutory financial statements, income tax returns, opinion papers, accounting policies and key point of contact for external audits. Management of 4 finance staff.

Achievements

- Halved monthly management reporting timeframe. Actively engaged and managed internal and external property and finance team members to improve the detailed information provided in the financial and property reporting packs.
- Initiated commercial assessment of the treasury function which saved 15bps in interest margin. Halved FX execution margin. Added caps and swaptions to our hedging solution.
- Reviewed the corporate entity structure and achieved a saving of over 30% in indirect property taxes by working with executive management and investment management team to implement a corporate restructure across several state jurisdictions.
- Partnering with the property team lead to an improvement in the tax depreciation expense of 11%, capital expenditure forecast plans and replacement cost assessments achieving a return on investment of greater than 10X.
- Writing of technical opinion papers to support accounting policies and presentation in the statutory accounts on AASB 116, 117 & 140.

May 2014 – September 2014 (3 month contract)

Unitywater

Senior Financial Accountant

Summary of responsibilities

Technical expert on implementation of AASB 13 *Fair Value* for first time disclosure in the Annual Report. Valuation of stock and recognition policies for assets and depreciation.

Achievements

- Solution for recognition of capital expenditure or repairs by field teams which covered 95% of all works undertaken. This reduced the amount of wasted time and rework by field teams, management accountants and asset accountants on 100s of P1 jobs.
- Opinion papers on AASB 13 Fair Value, stock valuation, asset recognition, accelerated depreciation and write-off and asset useful lives.

July 2013 – April 2014

Studying MBA at University of WA

January 2012 – June 2013

Superannuation Auditors

Audit Manager

Summary of responsibilities

Completion of Audit programs for SMSFs in accordance with Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations, Accounting Standards and ATO Tax Rulings and Determinations. Internal control engagements for large clients. Written advice for accounting practices and SMSFs on legislation interpretation and practical implementation. Management of junior staff

Achievements:

- Improved internal controls for large SMSF administrators and subsidiaries of major Australian financial institutions. Eliminated false positive data integrity checks within the software suite for 1000s of SMSFs resulting in accurate and timely financial reporting.
- Built, managed and fostered a team orientated environment by explaining, reviewing and rectifying professional and data management tasks via process mapping removal of time traps and elevation of capacity constraints.
- Writing of professional advice on income tax consequences for SMSF for accounting practices and national publications including the Australian Financial Review.

March 2010 - December 2011

Green Cross Capital

Financial Controller & Company Secretary

Summary of responsibilities

Full finance function. Statutory financial statements, monthly financial and board reports and key person for the external and AFSL audits. AFSL liquidity and solvency reports, company secretarial, minutes, circular resolutions and ASIC lodgements. Management of 3 staff.

Achievements:

- Improved the financial reporting process to include business unit budgets, forecasts and commentary and reduced the monthly reporting timeframe by 3 days.
- Operational and financial due diligence of several distressed financial services businesses, taking into account the potential business synergies, operational, legal and taxation requirements.
- Negotiation leadership and successful acquisition of 50% of a JV entity.

October 2008 – January 2010

Westpac

Project Accountant

Summary of responsibilities

Consolidated and individual Statutory Accounts for entities within the Westpac Banking Group. APRA returns for 3 Insurance entities. Transition of financial and management reporting within wealth management from St George to Westpac Banking Group during their merger.

Achievements:

- Successful integration of St George Bank Wealth entities including the Asgard Group into the Westpac Wealth Platform within one of Australia's largest financial services transformation projects. Resulting in cost savings for the merged entity and operational and financial information from one electronic data warehouse.
- Process-mapping, accounting system transfer testing, training of new staff and information system integration across multiple physical locations and IT infrastructures resulting in reduced costs and reporting timeframes.

- Team management of local and outsourced overseas staff which required review of month end processes, group reporting requirements, and integration of changes to the financial year end model for each individual legal entity. Allowing local staff to analyse and provide solutions on critical issues for business units.

June 2008 – August 2008 (3 month contract)

Energy Australia

Senior Financial Accountant

- Prepare Statutory Accounts for the external audit engagement evaluation, updating and revision of intangible valuation model, and employee entitlement provisions.

March 2008 – June 2008 (3 month contract)

Intercontinental Hotel Group

Senior Financial Accountant

- Prepare Consolidated and individual Statutory Accounts for Asia Pacific legal entities. Evaluation of Foreign Exchange calculations and reporting.

November 2007 – February 2008 (3 month contract)

Goodman International

Senior Financial Accountant

- Prepare Consolidated Statutory Accounts and reporting as a stapled entity. Management of several separate international accounting teams within Asia and Europe.

EDUCATION

Masters of Business Administration

University of Western Australia

Anticipated completion 2017 - Distinction average

Founded Global Consulting Group UWA - Management Consulting for the not-for-profit sector.

High Distinctions in - Managerial Finance, Marketing, and Organisational Behaviour.

CPA Program

Completed 2005 - Distinction average

Bachelor of Commerce

University of New South Wales

Accounting and Business Law Double Major

Completed 2000

The Scots College, Bellevue Hill, NSW

SYSTEMS

YARDI, Oracle, SAP, TM1, Technology One & MYOB