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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

AML Financial Analyst with 1+ years of experience in financial crime investigations at a major financial institution. Specializes in leveraging SQL and Power BI for transaction monitoring, name screening, and STR filing to FINTRAC. Eager to apply a strong understanding of AML/CTF regulations and develop expertise in cryptocurrency transaction monitoring and blockchain investigations to safeguard the digital asset ecosystem.

Work Experience

AML Analyst Toronto, ON
Protiviti - TD Bank Dec 2024– Present

- Led cross-functional teams in structured compliance risk assessments, evaluating over **\$50M** in corporate transactions. Presented findings to senior leadership, leading to a 25% improvement in governance practices.
- Utilized **SQL** to extract and analyze transactional data, developing complex queries that flagged high-risk transaction patterns which led to the identification of 25+ suspicious activity cases.
- Investigated **1000+** alerts from Transaction Monitoring and Name Screening systems (including PEPs, Adverse Media, and Sanctions lists), using Power BI dashboards to identify complex money laundering patterns. This data-driven approach reduced false positives by **15%**.
- Interpreted and assessed the impact of new **FINTRAC** guidelines on existing frameworks, developing implementation strategies that ensured 100% compliance for a portfolio of **800+** client accounts.

Financial Analyst Intern Sudbury, ON
Blue Bells Technical Services May 2024 – Aug 2024

- Built risk-adjusted financial models in **Excel** simulating **3** distinct market scenarios, enabling leadership to make data-driven decisions that reduced forecast variance by **\$2.5M**.
- Conducted liquidity analysis using advanced ratio techniques on a **\$15M** balance sheet, identifying inefficiencies in accounts receivable and implementing solutions that improved working capital by 15%.

Staff Accountant Intern Hyderabad, India
Metro Tax Solutions Jan 2024 – Apr 2024

- Developed standardized **MS Excel** templates with data validation rules to review financial transactions, ensuring error-free submissions for **30+** client tax filings and saving **~5 hours** per week in manual checks.
- Managed complex reconciliations for **50+** client accounts, implementing systematic verification processes that enhanced reporting accuracy by 12% and minimized financial discrepancies.

PROJECTS

Customer Churn Prevention 🔗
SQL, Tableau, Process Mapping

- Built a churn risk model using SQL and Tableau, advising on customer retention strategies, reducing churn prediction errors by 20% and improving customer portfolio stability.

Bank Loan Risk Assessment 🔗
SQL, Power BI

- Designed a risk assessment framework using Power BI, advising on credit risk strategies, improving default prevention models, and supporting strategic lending decisions.

Financial Statement Analysis 🔗
Advanced Excel

- Analyzed financial trends in revenue and cost over five years to provide actionable recommendations for profitability improvements and operational efficiency.

SKILLS

AML & Compliance: Risk Assessment, Regulatory Compliance (FINTRAC), KYC/CDD, AML Scenarios, Fraud Detection, Control Testing, Suspicious Transaction Reporting (STR)

Analytical Tools: Advanced MS Excel (VBA, Power Query, Pivot Tables), SQL, Oracle, SAS, Power BI, Tableau

Finance & Analytics: Financial Modeling, Forecasting, Data Visualization, Financial Ratio Analysis, Transaction Monitoring

Volunteering Experience

Project Coordinator Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Armageddon

- Directed cross-functional teams of **15+** volunteers to execute large-scale finance events with **500+** attendees, developing project plans that optimized resource allocation and stakeholder engagement.

Finance Workshop Lead Hyderabad, India
Finance Student Association

- Spearheaded student finance initiatives, collaborating with **3** industry experts to develop and deliver **5** risk management workshops, boosting financial literacy for **200+** students.

EDUCATION

George Brown College Sept 2023 - May 2024
Postgraduate in Project Management (Major: Risk Management) (GPA 3.5/4) Toronto, Ontario

Cambrian College Sept 2022 - Jun 2023
Postgraduate in International Business (Major: Finance) (GPA 3.5/4) Sudbury, Ontario

Loyola College Jun 2018 - Aug 2021
Bachelor of Commerce in International Accounting and Finance (GPA 9/10) Hyderabad, India