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Professional Summary

Highly analytical and results-oriented finance professional with 10+ years of progressive experience in investment analysis, financial control, and strategic planning within the banking and global logistics sectors. Proven success in managing multi-million-dollar budgets, leading impactful project finance initiatives, and providing critical financial insights to drive executive decision-making. Seeking a challenging Strategic Finance Manager role at [Target Company] where my expertise in financial modeling, strategic analysis, and cross-functional collaboration can contribute to [company/team goal].

Work Experience

Financial Controller | Maersk, Copenhagen | Feb 2017 – Present

- Spearheaded financial planning, budgeting, and reporting for the Logistics & Services division, effectively managing annual budgets exceeding DKK 1 billion and providing strategic financial oversight.
- Developed and implemented cost control strategies that resulted in a 5% decrease in operational expenses and provided detailed profitability analysis to support strategic pricing decisions.
- Partnered closely with operations and project teams to conduct rigorous financial viability assessments for new shipping and logistics initiatives, influencing key investment decisions.
- Oversaw internal audit preparations and ensured strict adherence to IFRS and internal financial controls, maintaining a strong compliance environment.
- Designed and implemented interactive KPI dashboards utilizing Power BI, enhancing transparency and providing actionable insights that improved operational efficiency across business units.
- Led a digital transformation project for finance reporting, streamlining processes and achieving a 30% reduction in the monthly close cycle.
- Received senior leadership recognition in 2021 for exceptional cross-functional project collaboration on a key strategic initiative.

Investment Analyst | Danske Bank, Copenhagen | Aug 2013 – Jan 2017

- Conducted in-depth macroeconomic and sectoral analysis, providing critical insights that informed investment decisions across Nordic equities and fixed income portfolios.
- Developed sophisticated valuation models for asset allocation and portfolio optimization, which were actively utilized by the investment strategy team to enhance portfolio performance.
- Prepared compelling research reports and presentations for institutional clients and internal stakeholders, effectively communicating investment strategies and market outlooks.

- Collaborated closely with risk management teams to proactively assess portfolio exposure and conduct rigorous stress test scenarios, contributing to robust risk mitigation strategies.
- Authored quarterly investment insights that became a key reference for clients, demonstrating thought leadership and enhancing client engagement.
- Actively participated in a working group that successfully developed and implemented ESG integration models for equity research, aligning investment strategies with sustainability principles.

Education

MSc in Economics and Finance | Copenhagen Business School | 2011 – 2013

- Graduated top 10% of class
- Thesis: "Risk and Return in Sustainable Investment Portfolios"

Skills

Key Skills: Corporate Finance, Strategic Analysis, Budgeting & Forecasting, Project Finance, Financial Reporting (IFRS), Data Analysis, Stakeholder Management

Financial Analysis & Reporting: Corporate Financing, Strategic Analysis, Budgeting & Forecasting, Project Finance & Investment Appraisal, Financial Reporting (IFRS, GAAP), Cost Control, Variance Analysis, Financial Modeling

Data Analysis & Software: Data Analysis, Dashboarding (Excel, Power BI), ERP Systems (SAP, Oracle Financials)

Languages

Danish (Native)

English (Fluent)

German (Professional Proficiency)

Certifications

Certified Management Accountant (CMA) – IMA

Certificate in ESG Investing – CFA Institute