KUMAR GAURAV

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Strategic and results-driven professional with a focus on management consulting in the strategy consulting industry. Seeking challenging opportunities to leverage expertise in business strategy, research, analysis, and product management.



PROFILE SUMMARY

- Over 8 years of diverse experience in business management, with a specialization in market research, business analysis, and strategic consulting across multinational organizations.
- **Proficient in strategic consulting**, with a focus on management consulting, leveraging expertise in analyzing business challenges and devising effective solutions to drive organizational growth and performance improvement.
- **Demonstrated success in providing strategic guidance** to organizations across various industries, assisting clients in identifying opportunities, mitigating risks, and achieving their business objectives.
- **Experienced in conducting in-depth market research**, competitor analysis, and industry benchmarking to inform strategic decision-making processes and enhance competitive positioning.
- Skilled in developing and implementing strategic frameworks, business models, and operational strategies to address complex business issues and drive sustainable business results.
- Effective communicator with a proven track record of building strong client relationships and collaborating with cross-functional teams to deliver high-impact consulting solutions tailored to meet client needs and objectives.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Trend Analysis

Competitive Analysis

Strategic Frameworks

Consumer BehaviorIndustry Insights

Digital Transformation Strategy

Product ManagementRoadmap Development

Project Management









Post Graduation: PGDM from Kirloskar Institute of Advanced Management Studies, Harihar, KA



Graduation: B.Pharmacy from Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manipal, KA



Senior Associate

My Digital Agency | Pune, India | Current Experience

Responsibilities:

- Tailoring solutions to drive client success by understanding strategic goals, challenges, and pain points.
- Continuously conducting comprehensive market research and competitor analysis to anticipate industry trends and identify opportunities and threats.
- Actively developing high-level application architectures, workflows, and innovation strategies for management review, facilitating streamlined productionalization.
- Managing diverse strategy and analysis-based projects, including content curation, technical and business-related research, and ideation for potential solutions.
- Leading initiatives in emerging technology trends, strategic frameworks, and market landscapes, such as competitor matrix and curation projects on AI, VR, Big Data, Blockchain, and startups.
- Driving digital transformation projects, GTM strategy development, and innovation roadmaps, contributing to M&A activities by identifying potential startups and conducting basic due diligence.
- Coordinating with business teams to discern needs and challenges, fostering strong collaboration with Technology teams to translate strategy into technically feasible solutions.
- Front-facing team operations, ensuring seamless coordination between team and clients, providing guidance for successful project completion.
- Crafting pitch decks for presales and strategizing project milestones for consulting engagements.
- Overseeing onboarding of new associates, providing comprehensive training and mentorship to cultivate independence.

Responsibilities:

- Spearheaded B2B business development initiatives for automotive lubricants, focusing on Asia Pacific markets, and successfully entered new markets like Bangladesh, Malaysia, Myanmar, etc.
- Collaborated across teams to strategize promotional plans for distributor markets, aligning with client and management objectives, and ensured seamless supply chain management internally.
- Conducted primary and secondary market research to generate leads and gather market feedback, enhancing decision-making processes.
- Analyzed competitors to identify gaps and opportunities for product customization, optimizing market positioning and competitiveness.
- Developed expertise in trade finance documents like LCs and invoices, ensuring accuracy through proofreading and effective coordination with finance and logistics teams.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Google docs.
- MS Office
- Python
- **❖** SQL

**ACHIEVEMENTS

- Secured the top position in the IIT Madras Strategy & Technology course (2023) with an outstanding achievement of 98% marks.
- Topper in the IIT Kharagpur Project Management course (2024) with an outstanding achievement of 80% marks.
- Received Out of Turn increments annually for exceptional performance throughout my tenure with the current company.
- Ascended from Research Analyst to Senior Associate, currently overseeing a team of 6 members.
- ❖ Instrumental in expanding the research department from 2 to 6 members, contributing to its successful growth.
- Played a pivotal role in increasing the company's research contract value by 300% since joining.
- Demonstrated exceptional coordination skills, leading a team of 6 research members effectively.
- Successfully completed over 200 projects, including deep dives, due diligences, market entry projects, discovery curations, consulting projects and strategic initiatives, presenting findings to esteemed multinational corporations such as Ulta, Chanel, GSK, Circle K and popular Indian companies as well.
- Played a key role in researching platforms and startups for multi-billion-dollar retail organizations, facilitating successful million-dollar deals through M&A or investment.
- Co-authored articles on "State of Innovation in 2021" and "The Importance of Organizational Agility" published in Medium.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Achieved "Project Management" certification in 2024 from IIT Kharagpur via the NPTEL platform, earning the Silver certificate as the course topper.
- Achieved "Strategy & Technology" certification in 2023 from IIT Madras via the NPTEL platform, earning the Gold certificate as the course topper.
- Attained Interplay "Leader Certification," mastering the LCNC platform fundamentals.
- Secured IBM certifications in "Python & SQL" and "Databases and SQL for Data Science with Python," receiving Honors recognition.
- Currently advancing skills through pursuit of "IBM Data Science Professional certification" on Coursera.
- Completed a workshop on "Management Consulting" facilitated by Growth School.
- Attained certification on Value creation method from Northeastern University through Coursera platform.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 13th May 1987 **Languages Known**: English & Hindi

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