

Buvanesh Tharashankar

Profile

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Banking- Proven ability in achieving organizational goals

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- Ability to provide business solutions keeping in mind the

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Strong background of controls, policies and audit processes

Business planning and analytics to augment business

- Business planning and analytics to augment business strategies

Hands-on experience in process re-engineering, driving

- Hands-on experience in process re-engineering, driving strategic cost management initiatives

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Employment History

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Chief Financial Officer at RBL Bank Ltd., Mumbai

September 2023 - Present

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Responsible for heading core Finance function including Regulatory interface

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including reporting, Statutory audits, Tax, Procurement and Payables

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Chief Financial Officer at Jana Small Finance Bank,

Bengaluru

December 2021 - August 2023

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Leading the Finance function - Includes Capital Planning, Investor Relations, Tax,

Regulatory reporting and Statutory audits. Also responsible for oversight and

governance of Secretarial, Treasury Back office and Administrative functions

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Cluster Controller - India Subcontinent at Citibank N.A.

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India, Mumbai

August 2018 - November 2021

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Responsible for Statutory audits and regulatory inspections, Local regulatory

reporting, Legal entity management, Annual ICAAP exercise and Balance sheet

controls

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Planning and Analysis Head at Citibank N.A. India, Mumbai

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October 2014 - July 2018

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Responsible for P&A function of both Consumer and Institutional Client segments.

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Part of core team responsible for driving franchise level initiatives. Oversight of

forecasting process, as part of the Comprehensive Capital Analysis Review (CCAR),

for India and providing support to the CCO office

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Planning and Analysis Head - Consumer Bank at Citibank

N.A. India, Mumbai

October 2010 – September 2014

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Part of leadership team responsible for business plans / strategies; driving execution

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with the objective of maximizing return on Capital and improving operating

efficiencies. Providing proactive analysis; partnering senior management to realize

opportunities / mitigate risks and managing the financial planning process

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Business Planning and Analysis Head - Middle East at

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Citibank N.A. UAE, Dubai

January 2009 – September 2010

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Responsible for Capital Management, Performance Measurement, Planning and

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Senior Management Support

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Lead CFO at Citibank N.A. UAE, Dubai

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July 2006 - December 2008

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Responsible for Local regulatory interface; Audit & Tax, Sox 404 compliance, Basel

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II Implementation. Franchise lead for Re-engineering initiatives and strategic cost

management.

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Chief Financial Officer - Retail Bank at Citibank N.A. Bahrain

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January 2004 - June 2006

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Responsible for overall financial function including accounting policies, expense

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management and control, financial analysis, Reporting, balance sheet reviews and

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self assessment and controls

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Business Planning - Retail Bank at Citibank N.A. Bahrain

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January 2001 - December 2003

January 2001 – December 2003

Analysis of business performance, budgeting and financial modelling for new

initiatives

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Financial Controller - Retail Bank at Citibank N.A. Bahrain

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July 1998 - December 2000

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Manage US reporting for the Retail Bank. General Ledger Management and Control.

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Assistant Manager - Audit and Risk Review at Citibank N.A.

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India, Mumbai

July 1995 - June 1998

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Assessment of processes and controls, Business Monitoring and proactive

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Identification of business issues, Identification of process inefficiencies and

recommendation of productivity improvements / cost saves

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Qualified Assistant at Lovelock and Lewes (PWC Affiliate),

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January 1995 - June 1995

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Statutory audits of Limited Liability Companies. Conducting Tax Audits and Internal

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audits of large manufacturing units

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Achievements

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- Business Strategy (Citi UAE) - Team lead for project to "go ahead / shut" consumer business for one of the cluster countries
- NIM optimization (Citi India) - Partnered Treasury in deposit pricing decisions to improve NIMs
- Balance Sheet optimization (Citi UAE) - Improving Return on Equity by deploying capital to products having higher returns
- Re-engineering (Citi India) - Part of core group driving reengineering initiatives across the organization resulting in \$50M of expense saves across two years
- Restructuring teams (Citi India) / Building teams (Citi UAE) - Successful in restructuring top heavy teams and have built / integrated teams in line with global organization changes
- New product launches (Citi Bahrain) - Key member of team responsible for launch of Credit Cards, Responsible for financial modelling, accounting policies, system setup and MIS capabilities to track business performance
- System conversion (Citi India / Bahrain) - Part of core team involved in system conversions, completed within tight timelines

Education

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Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

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Associate Member

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January 1995

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Mumbai University

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B. Com

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