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Senior Manager Audit (I&S), Mazars UK

Proactive and forward-thinking Audit and assurance leader with 13+ years of diverse experience in various streams of accounting, finance and audit function. Diligent, value-driven, and result-oriented, presenting a vast experience across finance and accounts management and auditing domains. Adapts quickly to changing business needs and drives productivity with process simplification and implementing new technologies and tools. Strong interpersonal and leadership skills to drive a multi-cultural teams to become agile, inclusive and responsible.

Significant experience in managing and delivering mega audits in challenging timelines in multiple sectors. In depth expertise in budgeting, financial planning & analysis, statutory compliance, group reporting, internal audits, what if analysis , audit strategy and implementation, team management, and project auditing.

Core Competencies

- Audit strategy, planning and completion.
- Audit Reports
- Internal audit
- Statutory Compliance
- Risk Assessments
- Corporate matters
- Annual Budgets & Forecasts
- Payroll Accounting
- Management Reporting
- Performance Appraisals
- Treasury Management
- Team Development and Recruitment
- Bookkeeping & IFRS consulting

Career Experience

Mazars, Manchester UK

Senior Manager Audit, 05/2022 – present

Mazars is an international, integrated and independent organization, specializing in audit, accountancy, tax, legal and advisory services.

Mazars has 44,000 professionals serving global clients: above 28,000 professionals across 91 countries and territories in Mazars' unique integrated partnership, and 16,000 professionals from the Mazars North America Alliance in the US and Canada.

In the UK, Mazars is among the largest firms in its sector and a leading auditor to Public Interest Entities (PIEs). It employs over 2,500 people in 15 locations across the UK, providing a balanced perspective and empowered expertise to clients of all sizes, from individuals and SMEs to mid-caps and global players, as well as start-ups and public organizations at every stage of their development.

Mazars Manchester office specializes in providing core audit services as well as tax, consulting and other advisory services. Manchester is considered as the birthplace of the industrial revolution and now has the largest economy in the UK, outside of London, with a wealth of talent exceeding 7.2 million. Voted the most likeable city in the UK, Manchester has a rich variety of people, history, and culture.

Key Achievements:

- Onboarding of premium listed companies in United Kingdom under my portfolio of clients and effectively communicating with audit committees and board members.
- Experience in auditing UK industry sectors such as renewables, aviation, construction, information technology, marine charter business, construction and services.
- Successful integration and onboarding of audit clients to audit software linked to Mazars International.
- Successfully conducting audit of one of Mazars Manchester Office biggest listed client in history with awards of excellence from the department itself.
- Leading a squad of select individuals across UK, Europe, Middle East, Asia Pacific and Africa tasked with developing training program for implementation of audit methodology.
- Successful in coordinating audit reviews with internal quality reviewers and audit partners.
- Effectively managing audit team and group audits with number of subsidiaries and complex business divisions.

Mazars, Riyadh Saudi Arabia

Senior Manager Audit, 12/2014 – 04/2022

Mazars Saudi Arabia is affiliated with Mazars Group since 1990s and has wide range of audit, assurance, advisory, accounting and zakat and tax clients. Our company started working in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia since 1982 AD, where it includes three partners and five directors.

Key Achievements:

- Key part of firm's expansion to multiple locations in the time span of 2-3 years.
- Increasing client base of audit and bookkeeping clients resulting major revenue increase of more than SR 5 million only in one financial year.
- Successful implementation and integration of audit software linked to Mazars Global.
- Successfully conducting audits for Listed clients on Saudi Stock Exchange.
- Leading a squad of select individuals across Europe, Middle East, Asia Pacific and Africa tasked with developing training program for implementation of audit methodology.
- Installation and implementation of multiple accounting software for managing bookkeeping clients.
- Successfully complying quality assurance reviews from local regulators as well as from internal quality reviews and securing 'good' remarks on audit engagements selected.

Southern Travels Pvt Ltd ,Pakistan

Finance Manager, 10/2013 - 11/2014

Worked as Finance Manager for a leading travel group in Pakistan managing staff of more than 7 members. I was involved in significant investments and business decisions including yield analysis on different travel packages. Performed fund management and investment reviews on fortnightly basis. Involved in rotation of funds in multiple banks and securing payments to airlines through IATA and other channels. Involved in reviewing overall financial position of the company and making analysis on dividend payout. Involved in making sure that international entities linked with Southern travels have sufficient funds available at all times and routing offshore payments to these entities through central bank in Pakistan.

Key Achievements:

- Proficient in disbursement of funds to offshore entities through central bank of Pakistan for the first time in the company's history. First two swift transfers saved the company around USD 1.5 million.
- Moving the process of preparing of bank reconciliations from quarterly basis to monthly basis for around 84 bank accounts all over Pakistan.
- Successfully managed to issue online pay orders and cheques from bank portal to the airlines and reduced the operational cost by 15% in one year.
- Enabled the online payment process for vendor payments and saved the operational cost

Uch Power Pvt Ltd Pakistan

Uch Power Pvt Ltd is a subsidiary of Engie working in Pakistan as an Independent Power Producer (IPP).

Financial Accountant - 08/2011 - 10/2013

Oversee and processing bank payments including monthly closing and cash management. Liaison with banks for foreign and local payments including governmental payments. Managing Income, sales and withholding taxes. Coordinating audits and finalization of statutory accounts.

Key Achievements:

- Successful implementation of automated cheque system with Banks.
- Meeting monthly closing of books deadline assigned by holding company.
- Reducing the payment cycle to less than 30 days.
- Adding of dual signatories with banks with multiple signing limits.
- Enhanced inter departmental coordination with good communication skills.

KPMG Pakistan

Audit Senior 05/2008 - 06/2011

Formulating audit strategy and planning for listed and non-listed clients. Performing numerous audit assignments for clients operating in diverse sectors namely Telecom, Construction, Manufacturing, Banks, IT support services and FMCG. Managing a team of 5-25 people and managing various assignments simultaneously to ensure timely completion within allocated budget.

Key Achievements:

- Managing multiple clients at the same time.
 - Managing big teams for listed and non-listed clients.
 - Deduction of fraud at one of the clients for approximating USD 25 million.
 - Meeting deadlines for statutory audits and ensuring corporate compliance.
 - Achieved the highest ever grading for Inter KPMG (US, INDIA AND PAKISTAN) joint assignment for internal audit.
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Trainings

Audit Software (Atlas), Mazars

SOCPA trainings on Quality Audits

MAZARS Trainings on Quality Audits

Ethics and Independence Trainings (KPMG & Mazars)

Mazars Audit Manual (MAM) Training

Anti- money laundering and FATF

Information Risk Management, Data Privacy, and laws and regulations (KPMG)

Training on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) (KPMG)

Training on International Standards on Auditing (KPMG & MAZARS)

Education and Credentials

Member CIMA Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

CA Finalist Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan

Member PIPFA Pakistan Institute of Public Finance Accountants

Member SOCPA Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants

Technical Proficiencies

Atlas | Sidat Hyder Financials | Oracle Hyperion Financial Management | Focus| MS Solomen
Accounting Package | Vantage