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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A highly motivated and self-driven Chartered Certified Accountant with 15 years' of professional experience in top level business environments. Skilled in numerous financial functions. Having the ability to handle complex assignments effectively & the confidence to work as part of a team or independently.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Destiny is not a matter of chance; it's the matter of Choice. It's not the thing to be waited for; it's the thing to be achieved!



SUHA Investments Group Group Financial Controller

December 2019 – Present

Leading a team of 29 staff members to oversee full spectrum of financial operations of a private equity backed business with revenues in-excess of £200 million at a group level. Working with a portfolio of 25 group companies across UK, USA and Bahrain.

Significant Highlights:

- Primarily responsible for overseeing full spectrum of financial operations for the group across a diverse range of industries, including Architecture, Real Estate Development, Construction, Contracting, IT & Software Development, Manufacturing, and more. These operations span multiple countries, with finance teams strategically located in the UK, USA, and Bahrain.
- Lead the preparation and presentation of monthly consolidated management accounts, involving the consolidation of financial reports from entities across UK, USA, and Bahrain, adhering to the reporting requirements by both IFRSs and US GAAP.
- Hands on involvement in preparation and management of budgets and forecasts to ensure precise financial planning across entities, including variance analysis of actuals to forecasts, and reporting these findings to the Board for informed decision-making.
- Supervising the thorough preparation of Weekly Profit and Loss statements across the business entities.
- Preparation of Board Packs and delivering compelling presentations to the Board, providing a comprehensive view of financial performance and strategic insights.
- Overseeing and ensuring the accuracy of various accruals within the P&Ls and ensuring adherence to revenue recognition standards, particularly in alignment with IFRS 15.
- Collaborating closely with Commercial Teams to ensure precise billing, prompt payments, and efficient management of Work in Progress aging and recovery processes.
- Oversee and coordinate the comprehensive annual audit process, involving working closely with external auditors, facilitating the audit procedures, ensuring the accuracy and completeness of financial statements, and addressing any audit findings or recommendations.
- Responsible for managing external relationships with both auditors and banks.
- Responsible for preparation and submission of annual statutory financial reports for the Group companies.
- Responsible for improving internal controls within the business and identify weaknesses in controls with recommendations for improvements.



**Al Sharfa Holdings –Bahrain
Group Financial Controller**

March 2016 – December 2019

Significant Highlights:

- Plan, coordinate and manage all business operations to achieve corporate goals.
- Develop and implement strategic operational and financial plans for optimized productivity.
- Review and improve organizational effectiveness by developing processes, overseeing employees, establishing a highly motivated work environment, and creating innovative approaches for improvement.
- Seek out opportunities for expansion and growth by developing new business relationships.
- Oversee day-to-day operations, assigning weekly performance goals and assuring their completion.
- Recruit, on-board, and train high-performing employees to achieve sales, profitability, market share, and business plan objectives.
- Maintain project timelines to ensure tasks are accomplished on time.
- Develop, implement, and maintain budgetary and resource allocation plans.
- Delegate responsibilities to the best employees to perform them while enforcing all policies, procedures, standards, specifications, guidelines, training programs, and cultural values.
- Generate business, cost and employee reports to management.
- Manage administrative, logistical, human resources, and accounting services to support company operations.
- Preparation of Financial Management Reports & Financial Analysis.
- Periodic financial reporting of Ageing Analysis and Provisions.
- Provide planning services including cash flow estimates and provide commentary of key variances and trends.
- Preparation of Monthly Business Report for the Managing Director and all divisional heads.
- Collaboration with both the Internal Audit Department and Management on the policies, programs and activities of the department.



**Crescent Group - Pakistan
Finance Manager**

January 2012 – March 2016

Significant Highlights:

- Oversee day-to-day operations, assigning weekly performance goals and assuring their completion.
- Business development through exploring new project opportunities and expanding customer base.
- Responsible for Finalization of Monthly, Quarterly and Annual Statutory Financial Statements including implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and local and International Accounting Standards.
- Periodic financial reporting of Ageing Analysis and Provisions.
- Lead business initiatives designed to reduce cost, enhance performance and improve profitability.
- Reporting to Chief Financial Officer with respect to monthly income, provisions, ageing analysis of overdue.
- Preparation of Monthly business report for MD and all divisional heads.
- Work with management to ensure a system is in place which ensures that all major risks of the entity are identified and analyzed, on an annual basis.
- Supervision of work carried out by junior staff.



ORIX Leasing - Pakistan
Senior Officer, Finance & Accounts

August 2008 – December 2011

Significant Highlights:

- Assisting in the Preparation of Monthly, quarterly and Annual Financial Statements.
- Preparing Assets and Liability Report for onward submission to Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan
- Review of State Bank of Pakistan's and Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan's (SECP) weekly, & monthly, reports prepared by junior staff.
- Preparing quarterly Report of Condition for SECP.
- Complete accounting and reporting of Operating Lease and term finances.
- Complete accounting and reporting of Fixed and Current Assets.
- Coordination with internal and external (statutory, SECP) auditors.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

ACCA – Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

December 2005 - December 2011

Distinction Holder World-Wide in Financial Accounting.

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants - ACCA | London, UK

MCSI - Member of Chartered Institute for Securities & Investments

June 2017 - July 2018

Chartered Institute for Securities & Investments - CISI | London, UK

Bachelors Degree in Commerce

December 2008-December 2010

University of Karachi | Karachi, Pakistan

College Diploma

March 2004 - March 2006

Achievements - Scored an A Grade with High marks in Accounting.

Govt. Commerce College | Karachi, Pakistan

High School Diploma

March 2002 - January 2004

Achievements - Scored an A-1 Grade with High marks in all subjects with 94% marks in Mathematics. Was awarded several awards for high performance and in other extra circular activities.

St. Patrick's High School | Karachi, Pakistan

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Certified Training)

March 2023

EBox Learning & Certifications

IFRS 16 Leases Training (Certified Training)

March 2023

EBox Learning & Certifications

IFRS 3 Business Combinations Training (Certified Training)

September 2022

EBox Learning & Certifications

Xero Certification

September 2021

Xero