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**PROFILE**

Entrepreneurially minded Chartered Accountant (SA) (Eligible to register). Passionate for improving efficiencies and creating an impact. Sociable, Enjoy being in a team of young dynamic individuals, Excellent Communication and Interpersonal Skills. Quick to adapt to new situations.

**EDUCATION**

Qualified as a **Chartered Accountant (South Africa)** (Eligible for registration)

University of Johannesburg: Honours degree in Accounting Science (similar to master degree)

University of Witwatersrand: Bachelor in Accounting Science

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Morgan Stanley Real Estate Funds**

**Entity Controller** Dec 2018 - Present

**Responsibilities & Achievements**

Managing the accounting, reporting, cash management and compliance for a Dutch company.

Organising board meetings and consulting over innovation strategies with private equity within Asia, including turnaround and optimisation strategies.  
Liaison with internal and external parties such as auditors, tax advisors, legal advisors and MS asset managers.  
Ensuring proper (quarterly) closing of reporting periods which includes annual consolidated reporting packages, cash flows, capex, solvency statements and financial statements.  
Maintaining the reporting and information covenants under the loan facility agreements with external bank

Responsible for the refinancing and restructuring of a group of companies.

Leading and managing ad-hoc projects to simplify processes for efficiency.

Treasury function – Managing the quarterly cashflows.

Data analytic assessments.

Responsible for the Budget and quarterly forecast.

**EY**

**Audit Supervisor** Jan 2015 – Dec 2017

**Responsibilities & Achievements**

Managed multiple teams up to 10 people in my role as supervisor and provided mentoring, training and performance reviews to many of the junior members on audits.

Experience liaising with stakeholders at executive level and presenting.

Exceptional organizational skills in tight deadline scenarios.

Advanced excel skills in Data analytics modelling, Forecasting and Capital budgeting, Valuations, ROI and other valuation techniques.

Provided the following services; financial audits, financial statement reviews, preparation of many other reports.

Experienced in working with a number of different IT systems. Highly competent at finding my way around a new system..

Advised Companies on accurate financial reporting (IFRS, Companies Act, Tax Act) as well as best practices regarding internal controls within their business cycles.

Experienced in Financial Process optimisation and Generating efficiencies within controls and in financial aspects. I helped a company with their system change to save on inefficient admin and costs.

Business Risk Analysis, Cash flow and Going Concern analysis.

**EVA & Truffle Therapy**

**Advisor**  Jan 2018 – Present

**Responsibilities & Achievements**

Assist in Advisor capacity 2 start ups regarding setting up their pitch deck, budgeting and financial advisement.

**Licka-lollies**

**Co-founder** Jan 2014 – Nov 2014

**Responsibilities & Achievements**

I co-founded a Company called Licka Lollies Pty Ltd. This Company was aimed at providing alcoholic ice lollies. The company generated good levels of traction however the project fell through with difficulties with investors and differing values.

I learnt valuable lessons regarding scaling processes, creating a business plan, sales, relationship creation, establishing an effective start-up team, start-up endurance, product creation, innovation, financial management, social media management.

**World Travel** Jan 2018 – Dec 2018

**Experience**

I spent a year travelling to South East Asia, India and Eastern Europe. Learning and interesting experiences I had consisted of, volunteering privately at the Muang Namsam School in Laos, completing a 10 day silent mediation course in India through Dhamma.org, spending 2 weeks at a Yoga Ashram in Rishikesh with Yoga Niketan, Volunteering at an Elephant Sanctuary in Chiang Mai, working as an English teacher in Romania for Angloville

From all these experiences my main take aways have been, better communication skills, versatility, more confidence in uncertainty, improved adaptability to new situations, improved budgeting ability, better negotiating and improved independence.

**ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

IFRS, NL GAAP, SA GAAP, US GAAP (Basics), and IFRS for SME

**INDUSTRIES**

Manufacturing, Retail, Services, Import/Export, Non Profit, Property, Investments, Technology

The size of the companies in the industries varies from owner managed businesses to Forbes 500 companies.

**SYSTEMS EXPERIENCE**

Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Powerpoint, CaseWare, Accountview, SAP, VIP

**INTERESTS**

Travelling, yoga, calisthenics, meditating, I enjoy creating value for start ups and in my spare time I work with a few in their early stages

**LANGUAGES**

Native English, Near native Afrikaans and Greek