

# DEVIN ACHINTHYA GUNAWARDENA

CGMA Adv Dip MA

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance

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## PROFILE SUMMARY

As a First Class Honours graduate in BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance from the University of Plymouth, UK, with nine months of professional experience at Deloitte Sri Lanka, I bring a strong foundation in financial accounting, management accounting, research, and strategic analysis. During my internship, I successfully contributed to cross-sector projects, including power and energy, pharmaceuticals, and retail, and led initiatives to develop industry-focused handbooks and guidelines for global expansion. Eager to leverage my analytical, research, and operational skills in a dynamic environment, I am committed to driving organizational success through innovative and strategic contributions.

## EDUCATION

### Nalanda College - Colombo 10

2009 - 2019

- Grade 1 to 11
- GCE Ordinary Level - 6As, 2Bs, 1C

### NSBM Green University, Homagama / University of Plymouth, UK

2020 - 2024

- Foundation Program for Bachelor's Degree (in lieu of GCE Advanced Level)
- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance PLU - First Class Honours

### CIMA

2022 - 2025

- Finance Leadership Program - Strategic (Final) Level - Pending Results (April)
- Completed Operational and Management levels

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Deloitte FAS (Private) Limited Sri Lanka

2024 - 2024

- Intern - Strategy, Risk, and Transactions (1st March 2024 - 30th November 2024)

## KEY PROJECTS AND COMPETENCIES

### Internship at Deloitte - Led initiatives for a technology association, including:

- Industry Ambassador Program: Developed SOPs to foster industry collaboration through ambassador programs.
- Global Referral Program: Developed a referral program handbook supporting international partnerships and sales.
- Empowering Global Growth Program: Drafted ICT industry research decks on multiple countries to support growth ambitions of tech companies in Sri Lanka.

### Business Research - Economic Crisis and the Financial wellbeing of Manufacturing sector employees in Sri Lanka.

- Conducted a comprehensive literature review on the existing knowledge pool and identified a knowledge gap.
- Formulated a conceptual framework based on the identified variables and their relationships.
- Data were collected through convenience sampling and analyzed using SPSS Statistics to arrive at statistically significant results and conclusions.

### Operations Management - Operations Management Analysis – INSEE Cement Sri Lanka

- Conducted a comprehensive analysis of INSEE Cement's operations as part of a university project, focusing on quality management, capacity and inventory management, sustainability practices, and supply chain operations.
- Identified the company's emphasis on total quality practices, including poka-yoke techniques and advanced quality control systems.
- Highlights include identifying their emphasis on total quality practices, advanced inventory systems, and sustainability initiatives like raw material substitution and reforestation.

## Corporate Strategy Analysis - Investigative strategy analysis on Keells

- Conducted a strategy analysis on Keells based on information gathered through reputable sources.
- Conducted internal resource analysis and external competitor analysis on Keells and the overall supermarket industry.
- Identified potential strategy options for Keells through TOWS analysis and evaluated through SAFe model.

## CIMA

- Applied my knowledge in Financial statement analysis to evaluate the financial performance of arbitrary companies
- through the use of Profitability, Solvency, Liquidity and Working capital ratios.
- Leveraged my knowledge in Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, and Finance to analyze diverse
- organizational scenarios, offering valuable insights that supported decision-making across various contexts for arbitrary companies

## REFERENCES

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### Professor Dr. Salima Paul

- Professor at the University of Plymouth
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