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Profile

A fellow member of ACCA with a post-graduate degree in International Accounting and a driven finance professional with experience in the energy infrastructure, engineering services and construction sectors in the Middle East and South Asia. Recently led a USD 25 Mil acquisition in the energy infrastructure space. Proven track record in leading all aspects of strategic management accounting and financial reporting.

Employment History

Mansour Al Mosaid Group

Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi

Arabia

April 2013 to Date

Role:

Financial Controller

Responsibilities include:

Accounting:

- Leading and overseeing the establishment & running of financial/accounting systems, inclusive of procedures and practices in line with local GAAP (SOCPA) and international requirements (IFRS)
- Preparing/Overseeing monthly, quarterly and yearly reporting packs, with supporting schedules and required financial information
- Ensuring proper internal controls are in place so to produce accurate accounting information

Finance:

- Defining standards, policies, procedures, measures, and organizational enhancements to meet group's goals for finance
- Reporting directly to the CFO, and work with the higher management on all strategic matters as they relate to all financial and commercial activities Modeling business project outcomes (using NPV calculations) & understanding financial implications and financial risk
- Ensure accurate and timely financial reports and forecasts for the whole organization so as to provide clear insight into its financial condition enabling high quality and agile decision making
- Ensure suitable computerized and manual systems, processes and protocols are in place in relation to all facets of the company's financial management
- Responsible for company's financial model; evaluating impact of changes in business environment on the performance of the company. Developing Company Plans, quarterly management & Board of Directors reports and financial analysis

Treasury:

- Managing the treasury function, including cash management, cash planning and relationship with our banks and maintaining bank facilities

Transactions:

- Provided lead support on successful acquisition of another Company overseas dealing with wide range of stakeholders and developed robust business

integration plans post acquisitions

NM Chartered Accountants

London, UK

October 2010 to August 2012

Role:

Assistant Manager Audit

Responsibilities:

- Lead audit and financial advisory engagements from planning to completion
 - Reviewed audit work of junior members of staff and providing on the job training
 - Control & substantive testing to achieve audit evidence & address the key risks
 - Evaluating, monitoring and documenting the accounting system and controls
 - Liaising with clients and engagement partners and providing them regular updates
 - Analyzed business problems & helped organizations improve their performance
 - Advised clients on their internal control environment
 - Provided coaching and on the job training for junior staff
 - Assisted teams with technical and business development initiatives
 - Conducted post audit reviews, liaised with clients and partners
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Sherwood Chartered Accountants

London, UK

May 2008 to September 2010

Role:

Accounts & Audit senior

Responsibilities:

- Prepared various reports on a regular and timely basis assisted in audit engagements
 - Prepared monthly, quarterly and yearly reporting packs, including statutory accounts, with supporting schedules and required financial information
 - Helped clients in setting up their accounting and finance functions
 - Departmental Budgeting, Cash flow and P&L Forecasting, Variance analysis of departmental costs and analytical reporting were also the tasks performed on regular basis for different clients.
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Grant Thornton International

Islamabad, Pakistan

March 2006 to February 2007

Role:

Audit Associate

Responsibilities:

- External audit testing (as part of an audit team) of blue-chip companies
 - Business analysis review before starting assignment to understand the business and operations
 - Was promoted to semi senior within six months of joining the firm
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Khubaib Foundation

Islamabad, Pakistan

June 2005 to February 2006

Role:

Finance Assistant

Responsibilities:

- Maintained records of day to day transactions
 - Prepared and submitted accounting reports and financial analysis to the management for timely decision making
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Skills & Key Competencies

- Qualified ACCA with international audit, accounting and finance experience
- Ability to deliver high quality reporting within deadlines
- Knowledge to improve organization's control procedures and policies
- Ability to analyse high volume data
- Knowledge of current economic and market trends

- Ability to work effectively both autonomously and as a member of a team
- Ability to work well under pressure and adapt quickly to change
- Extensive analytical and problem solving skills
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Understanding the importance of internal controls environment
- Assist with the development of analytical tools to support internal controls and processes examination
- Managing teams of up to 15 staff
- Completely conversant with Excel (including Pivot Tables and Look ups)
- Experience in Financial Modeling
- Expert in preparing financial information including, management accounts, statutory accounts
- Exceptional project management skills
- Experience of operating several accounting software packages for maintaining financial records

Qualifications

Anglia Ruskin University – UK	MSc International Accounting	2009 – 2010
	Worked on a Capstone project on Management decision considering merger or acquisition option for business extension across the boundary relating to cosmetics industry	
Kaplan Financial – UK	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	2006 – 2009
	Final stage subjects included Advanced Taxation and Advanced Audit and Assurance	

Other Activities and Interests

- Blog writing and articles published in The Asians UK and UK Times London
<http://ovais-envisage.blogspot.com>
- Represented Pakistan at 'International Forum on Human Rights in Islamic World' held in Istanbul, Turkey in July 2011
- Founder and President of Union of Pakistani youth, a youth based volunteer organization in the UK
- Conducted fund raising events for victims of Floods in Pakistan
- Member of organizing committee of Pakistan Fashion Week London-2011 & 2012
- Member of organizing committee Pakistan Achievement Awards UK and Europe 2011
- Hosted many talks and lectures by key note speakers such as Stephen Cohen, Anatol Lieven, Pervez Musharaf former President of Pakistan, Fehmida Mirza speaker National Assembly Pakistan and many others