

Client Name

Financial Controller Profile

Analytical, results-focused leader with extensive experience in leading the development and expansion of accounting and financial functions at a global level within fast-paced environments.

Proven success in streamlining finance operations, including payroll, credit control, banking, accounts receivable, and accounts payable through data-driven leadership of finance teams. Stellar record of monitoring monthly management accounts, year-end statutory audits, annual budget planning, and ad hoc reporting for board meetings and strategic decision-making. Excel at developing GAAP controls for consistent accounting and reporting standards. Instrumental in evaluating adequacy, effectiveness, and efficiency of the established internal controls and implementing corrective actions. Credible history of piloting the planning and execution of internal control, tax, and compliance audits across varied industrial segments. Possess remarkable leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills coupled with proven capability to coach, motivate, and engage staff members through the provision of diverse learning experiences.

Areas of Expertise

- Financial Planning & Analysis
- Accounting & Auditing Procedures
- Budget Control & Cashflow Forecasting
- Financial Modelling & Reporting
- Corporate Finance Management
- Internal & External Audit Management
- Strategic Financial Consultancy
- Risk Governance & Compliance
- IFRS & Internal Controls
- Business Partnerships Management
- Team Development & Leadership
- Continuous Process Improvement

Career Experience

Finance Manager, Gulf LLC, Lahore, Pakistan

2018 - 2022

Led end-to-end aspects of accounting, budgeting, financing, investing, funding, and reporting through cross-functional leadership. Oversaw payment and management reports, while maintaining full control over petty cash and credit operations. Prepared render accounts of individuals/departments and projected/actual cash flow statements. Managed the inventory on a First-In, First-Out basis to generate savings on taxes. Evaluated monthly bank reconciliation statements of all bank accounts and swiftly resolved discrepancies as per company procedures and international accounting standards. Verified monthly financial performance statements with a keen focus on information accuracy in financial reports. Drafted monthly cash flow statements and conducted monthly staff costs calculations, including payroll provision for leave salary, gratuity, and pension fund.

- Boosted financial performance of the company by developing an effective inventory system and annual audit strategy.
- Implemented corrective actions in succession to proposing recommendations based on audit findings.
- Designed and initiated account payable/receivable ageing analysis to effectively control A/P and A/R, as well as manage company capital.

Head of Accounts, Messe Frankfurt Middle East, Dubai, UAE

2012 - 2018

Assessed risks associated with critical/significant audit areas and reviewed tasks executed by audit assistants to mitigate potential errors. Ensured adherence to IFRS standards and local laws/guidelines while managing accounting operations. Evaluated and documented existing accounting/internal control systems to increase organisational effectiveness. Reviewed HR policies in correspondence to recruitment, termination, staff training, employee benefit schemes, duties segregation, job stress/rotation, and performance appraisal for need/motivation analysis. Analysed presentation and disclosure of financial statements in line with applicable local laws, IFRS, and code of corporate governance. Formulated budgets and led comparison with actual results, including concern assumption and future viability analysis for project operational and financial aspects.

- Devised and executed audit-related strategies in conjunction with internal/external auditors prior to report preparation.

- Designed a priority-based payment system to improve bank account control.
- Identified and escalated accounting misappropriations to senior management for implementing corrective actions.

Senior Auditor, BDO Chartered Accountants, Islamabad

2008 - 2011

Conducted comprehensive financial/compliance audits prior to establishing analytical procedures to detect unusual financial statement relationships. Identified and communicated accounting/auditing matters to the leadership for informed decision-making. Interacted with business and technical staff on audit findings, risks, opportunities, and recommendations.

- Conducted internal control and substantive testing, while reviewing results to achieve 100% accuracy in findings.
- Developed and maintained productive working relationships with client management by continually anticipating and fulfilling needs to exceed satisfaction levels.

Additional Experience

Senior Accountant, Souq.com, Dubai, UAE

Visiting Lecturer, Global Accountancy College - Dubai, UAE

Companies Audited

Zari Taraqati Bank Limited, SME Bank Equity Participation Fund, Petroleum Exploration Pvt Ltd, Block 22, Jehngara, Swat Ceramics Pvt Ltd, Unitech-Carpet Pvt Ltd, Victory Pipe Industries Pvt Ltd, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Maltesers, JEN, Adventure Foundation, Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) Pvt Ltd, Current Age Pvt Ltd, NCHD Provident Fund, Shahzad Traveling Pvt Ltd, Hotel Hill View Pvt Ltd, Hotel One Pvt Ltd

Educational Background

Bachelor of Science in Applied Accounting, Oxford Brooks University, Oxford, UK

Memberships & Affiliations

FCCA (Fellow Chartered Certified Accountants), London, UK

Member of UAE Accountants & Auditors Association, UAE

Technical Skills

Microsoft Office (Word, Advanced Excel, PowerPoint & Outlook) | Tally | Social Media Applications

Language Proficiencies

English (Fluent) | Arabic (Intermediate)