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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accounting and finance professional with 15+ years of experience in financial reporting, general ledger accounting, month-end close, account reconciliations, budgeting, forecasting, audit coordination, and financial analysis. Experienced in managing accounting teams, supporting multi-industry clients, and preparing financial statements under IFRS, with knowledge of U.S. accounting practices and US GAAP. Proficient in Sage Intacct, QuickBooks, and Microsoft Office. Holds an MBA in Accounting and Audit and Lebanese CPA certification.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Financial Accounts/Bookkeeping	Accounts' Management	Budgets Forecasts
Purchases and Sales ledger	Accounts Payable Reconciliation	Credit Control
Payroll	Accounts Receivables Reconciliation	Bank Reconciliation
Monthly Expenditure Analysis	Management Reports	Financial statements Compilation

KEY INDUSTRIES

Advertising	Manufacturing / Food industry	Construction & Real Estate
Pharmaceuticals	Hospitality Travel & tourism	Jewelry
Retail Trade	Management	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

HotelAVE – Rhode Island, USA
Staff Accountant, March 2023 – Present

- Prepare monthly journal entries and accounting adjustments for hotel ownership entities.
- Perform monthly balance sheet reconciliations and investigate discrepancies.
- Prepare consolidated financial reports and cash flow forecasts.
- Review operating financial statements for accuracy and compliance.
- Support month-end close and coordinate annual external audit requirements.

Exxon Mobil – Massachusetts, USA
Accountant, January 2022 – March 2023

- Maintain accounting records.
- Manage AP/AR and bank reconciliations.
- Prepare financial reports.
- Support cost control initiatives.

ZREIK ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FIRM – Lebanon.
Senior manager, August 2010 – November 2021

- Managed a team of eight accounting professionals.
- Led accounting, audit, tax and consulting engagements.
- Prepared financial statements.
- Managed tax compliance.
- Developed budgets, forecasts and DCF models.
- Supported ERP implementation and trained junior staff.

PRIVATE SECTOR (SMEs and big enterprises in various industries)

- Performed double entry bookkeeping services in compliance with IAS (international accounting standards) for a diversified business sector (Profit, Non for profit)
- Prepared SME's financial statements presentation in compliance with IFRS & US GAAP for a diversified business sector.
- Conducted several internal audit missions for a diversified business sector to ensure the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of sme's operation and their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Assisted in restructuring the financial department's structure of a leading client to accommodate the volume of transactions and ensure proper control over transactions and data.
- Prepared and issued periodically regular and special financial reports in compliance with IFRS & US GAAP for a diversified business sector.
- Prepare journal entries, accruals, reconciliations, month-end close, and financial reporting.
- Prepared financial budgets applied cost tracking, variance analysis and reviewed financial performance for a diversified business sector.
- Developed discounted cash flow models, feasibility studies and cost-benefits analysis to assess strategic decision alternatives.

EDUCATION

- Corporate Directors Certification Program (CDCP) – IFC 2024
- US Professional Tax Preparer – Universal Accounting, Online 2023
- CMA – Exam Preparation, Coursework Completed; Exam Not Taken
- CPA – Lebanese Certificate - Obtained the Lebanese CPA Certification (LACPA), 2019.
- MBA, Accounting & Audit La Sagesse University (ULS), Lebanon, 2009 – 2012
- BA, Accounting & Finance Al Kafaat University (AKU), Lebanon, 2005 – 2008

SKILLS

- Microsoft Office Applications (including Access)
- Internet Applications
- Special Accounting & Financial Software such as Fox Pro & SQL (Sage Intact, Quick Book)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Lebanese Association of Certified Public Accountants (LACPA), Member No. 2712

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Native), English (Professional), French (Professional)