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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (GROUP FINANCIAL CONTROLLER TO CFO)

An impressive track record within finance, operations, project implementation and training and development with the ability to achieve significant results and meet strategic and business aims. Considerable achievements include formation of business strategies, from the planning stage to the leadership of change initiatives. Multi-tasking and comfortable within a multinational company. Dealing with a myriad of key senior stakeholders such as Capital Dynamics, HBOS Plc and with a variety of listed / unlisted clients. Advanced abilities using accounting software. Now looking to make a continued significant contribution for a leading firm in [Australia or Scotland] that offers a CFO appointment, will also consider similar challenging Group Controller position with an opportunity for progression.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Client Relationship Management.
- Investor and Board Presentations
- Maximizing Returns
- Sage, MS Office, Accpac, MS Dynamics
- Strategic Planning
- Leadership / Staff Development
- Budgeting / Reducing Costs
- Cash flow and Purchasing Analysis
- Business Analysis
- Auditing / Compliance
- Maximizing Efficiencies
- Quality Assurance

EDUCATION

CAA	Chartered Accounting (Graduate Diploma - Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia)	2006-09
Bachelor	Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) (RMIT University)	2000-04

Notable courses: Various courses commensurate with areas of expertise.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

GROUP FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

Nov 09 – Present

Capital Dynamics Zug, Switzerland, (the 7th largest Fund of Funds Private Equity firm) www.capdyn.com

Responsible for managing cash requirements for each company, ensuring the group's cash flow availability for daily operations, and reporting on cash position. Preparing Cash Flow forecasts. Issuance the group's external and internal revenue invoices. Liaising with Auditors, with Department Heads and stakeholders. Reporting on revenue and expenses targets, such as Actual Vs Budget Reporting. Reporting directly to the CFO.

- Managed the Employee Participation Plan.
 - Recording and managing the groups FX positions.
 - Prepared quarterly reporting packages for external group loans and ensured covenants are not breached
 - Reduced expenditure by implementing cost control processes throughout the group.
 - Championed a new firm wide expense reimbursement process after liaising with various senior stakeholders.
 - Reclaimed expenditure of USD \$500k and thereafter implemented a regular expenditure review process.
 - Created a new EPP and carry database using MS Access, built reports that enabled more accurate reporting
- Previously a Corporate Accountant within the Finance Team and Associate (2009):*
- Migrated the accounting operating system to SAGE AccPac and implemented various process changes.
 - Responsible for accounting and managing up to 25 / 48 entities in total, 3 of which were main operating entities.
 - Promoted within only 7 months to 'Associate' and then to Group Financial Controller (traditionally a 2 man role).

INTEGRATION BUSINESS ANALYST (INTERIM MANAGEMENT)

Jul 2009 - Nov 2009

Halifax Bank of Scotland Plc (HBOS), based in Edinburgh, Scotland. www.hbosplc.com

As a result of the merger with Lloyds TSB, there was a plethora of Integration Projects. I determined realistic targets and was part responsible for tracking headcount, costs and synergies and reporting to Senior Management.

- Collated circa 180 project reports (costs, synergies, headcount) that fed into an Integration model.
- Managed the monthly reporting process and presented the model to Senior Management.
- Implemented a process change that led to all 180 project reports being returned in the 4 day time frame (a 100% success rate from a previous failing 50% when appointed).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS (CONTINUED)

PROCUREMENT PROJECT ANALYST (INTERIM MANAGEMENT)

Apr 2008 - Nov 2008

Halifax Bank of Scotland Plc (HBOS), Group Functions Finance Division Edinburgh. www.hbosplc.com

Responsible for providing business support to procurement project teams and the Business Support Manager, tracking financial benefits, providing high analysis and embedding controls. Reporting on Platform for Growth benefits for the procurement work stream and recording supplier cost reductions. Ensuring appropriate financial governance was in place and driving increased financial awareness across key stakeholders.

- Built effective relationships with key senior stakeholders.
- Identified issues and eliminated negative impact had on financial aspects of the procurement projects.
- Produced a monthly Procurement Finance pack that received positive feedback from key senior stakeholders.
- Supported the development of MI for Procurement that enabled effective management of the business area.
- Coordinated base lining of budgets with divisional stakeholders that assisted Procurement in calculating benefits from supplier cost reduction activities.
- Implemented a print managed service one of the largest print deals in UK history. Tracked and reported on Strategic Print Solutions (SPS) project spend.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT / AUDITOR

Feb 2005 - Feb 2008

Ernst & Young, Advisory and Assurance Business Services Division, Melbourne. www.ey.com.au

Worked extensively in the Mining, Utilities, Technology and Property sectors.

Major clients: Shell Australia- External Audit (Sarbanes Oxley Compliance); GasNet Australia Group - External Audit (Utilities - Gas Transmission); Energy Australia - Regulatory Audit (Utilities - Gas & Electricity Retail); Beaconsfield Gold NL - External Audit (Gold Mining); Innovation Gp - External Audit (Software Engineering); Production Services Network Australia - External Audit (Mechanical Engineering); CFS Retail Property Trust - External Audit (Property Management).

- Led client engagements; Supervised, mentored and developed staff accountants, developed and managed budgets.
- Audited financial statements under AIFRS .
- Evaluation of client accounting policies for consistency with relevant legislation (for e.g.; AGAAP).
- Improved systems and procedures: Development of tests of controls and account balances; and identified business risks; executed the audit programme covering various accounting systems. tested documentation of business processes.
- Directly involved annual audits and subsequent reports for the clients, for which Ernst & Young issued an unqualified audit opinion. Travelled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for the Shell Sarbanes Oxley Compliance audit.
- Received a Divisional Award for my work on the Energy Australia Regulatory Audit.
- As a member of the E&Y TMP Division Social Committee prepared budgets and coordinated events for over 100 staff.

ACCOUNTANT AND ACCOUNTS MANAGER

2000 - 2004

Herman & Berry Pty Ltd., in Melbourne, Australia. www.hermanandberry.com.au

- Managed over 70 clients and worked as an Accounts Manager at 22 years of age.
- Helped create the business website.

PERSONAL

<i>Dual Citizenship</i>	Australian Passport & EU Passport (Italian).
<i>Others Languages:</i>	Italian.
<i>Interests and Pastimes:</i>	Travelling, sport: Australian football, cricket, soccer, keeping fit, running.
<i>Marital Status:</i>	Married.

References available on request.