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Profile

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Versatile and results-oriented leader able to drive profitability through implementing key financial structures, streamlining operations, and mitigating risk. Expert in SOX compliance and documentation, driving global forecasting and reporting capabilities, and managing acquisitions and property valuations. Committed to building lasting business relationships, identifying growth opportunities, and excelling within rapidly changing environments. **Certified CPA.**

Leadership, Supervision, Mentoring • Strategic Planning • Project Management • Cost Analysis
Financial Reporting, Statements • Risk Mitigation • Budgeting, Forecasting • SOX Compliance
Cash Management • Business Relationships • Start Up Operations • Operational Streamlining
Process Improvement • Financial Modeling • Software Selection • Business Plan Development

Professional Experience

DLC

Woodland Hills, California

2003-Present

Provider of financial consulting resources.

Senior Consultant

Generated outstanding profitability gains for major companies, implemented financial structures for start-ups, and spearheaded turnaround/restructuring efforts within aggressive timeframes. Heralded for long-term strategy development, as well as hands-on management of accounting, finance, and treasury operations. Built and maintained lasting business relationships. Fostered implementation of international forecasting and reporting capabilities. Developed cash flow projections and tools. Demonstrated expertise in risk mitigation and SOX compliance. Garnered praise for recruiting, training, and mentoring top-tier staff.

Key Accomplishments:

- Operated as interim CFO for MGAE, developing and executing 100-day plan eliminating \$120 million in operating costs. Assessed SKU-level product offerings, cutting ineffective product lines resulting in 5% increase in gross margins. Guided 60 employees and 7 direct reports in improving global accounting, finance, and treasury functions. Recognized for effectively coordinating with bank syndicate group in refinancing \$300 million credit line, preparing due diligence requests, as well as implementing international forecasting and local reporting on a country-by-country basis.
- Developed strategies improving overall financial management and profitability for Shoe Pavilion Inc. Coached and counseled staff, crafted cash flow projections and tools enabling efficient management of treasury operations, and resolved pressing issues.
- Overhauled monthly financial reporting package for Virgin Entertainment Group to highlight discretionary spending, garnering approximately \$5 million in cost reductions. Restructured \$50 million in vendor payments, and coordinated with restructuring firm in cutting \$40 million in operating costs.
- Served as interim VP Finance for DreamWorks SKG, developing key financial models projecting future revenue streams, as well as foreign exchange tools facilitating analysis of F/X impact on international operations. Automated and streamlined close process, eliminating average 4 days.
- Led SOX documentation team across Oman, Dubai, Texas, and Los Angeles for Occidental Petroleum, successfully implementing 250+ internal controls. Efforts enabled company to receive passing grade by outside audit firm in first year of required compliance.

POST LOGIC STUDIOS
Hollywood, California

1999-2003

High-end provider of post-production services to film and television industry.

Chief Financial Officer

Delivered outstanding financial management, preparing annual business plan as well as detailed forecasts. Established professional accounting department, recruiting top-tier staff and successfully implementing MAS 90 system. Developed business strategy in tandem with CEO, identifying lucrative new markets and integrating technologies bolstering sales and gross margins. Worked with bank on instituting and maintaining short-term borrowing facility, spurring resolution of cash flow issues. Introduced capital spending policy, including proper purchase versus lease analysis, resulting in major reductions

Key Accomplishments:

- Cut approximately \$3 million in expenses via exemplary preparation of annual business plans and financial forecasts.
- Reviewed insurance policies and spearheaded transition to new carrier, resulting in approximately \$500,000 annual savings.

NEW REGENCY PRODUCTIONS
Burbank, California

1995-1999

Privately held film, television, and music production company.

Corporate Controller

Ensured corporate tax compliance, and prepared both domestic and foreign financial statements spanning 15 entities. Managed and optimized corporate treasury functions. Applied expertise in handling business acquisitions and property valuations. Composed business plan and financial forecasts. Praised for efficient and cost-effective annual audit management. Managed residual, participation, and third-party royalty payments.

Key Accomplishments:

- Played key role in procuring \$600 million line of credit, communicating with banks and performing necessary due diligence.
- Developed company foreign tax structure resulting in multimillion dollar US tax savings.
- Created residual reporting model enhancing compliance efficiency while cutting costs

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- **Manager Joint Venture Finance** for Warner Bros.
- **Senior Financial Analyst** for The Walt Disney Studio
- **Audit Senior** for Arthur Andersen & Co

Education

Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance
Cal State Northridge, CA

Professional Certification

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) for the State of California