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Top Skills

Management
Budgets
Leadership

Languages

Hindi (Professional Working)
Urdu (Professional Working)
English

Certifications

Short Duration Products
Private Banking
Budgeting and Forecasting
Retail, Restaurant, & Franchise Lending
Prime Services and Securities Lending

Honors-Awards

Character Award
President's Award
Platinum Most Valuable Member
Beta Gamma Sigma Member
Sigma Iota Epsilon

Sarmad Azhar, CLSSGB, CMSA®, CFE, CBCA®, FMVA®, MSA MSHCM

Accounting and Finance Consultant
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex

Summary

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified Public Accountant (CPA) candidate, and Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) candidate with an entrepreneurial mindset, a desire for growth, and a solid foundation leading cross-functional teams with highly diverse skill sets.

Hi There! I am Sarmad Ali Azhar, I am a resourceful, highly analytical, and strategically-inclined expert who effectively combines strong accounting, finance, and business skills, analytical problem-solving and exemplary planning capabilities to successfully achieve financial gains and savings.

What make me stand out are my solid skills in providing strategic direction and governance to multiple complex projects simultaneously within a fast-paced, dynamic work environment. Furthermore, I possess a desire for growth and a solid foundation in managing financial processes, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, and fixed assets.

Employees recognize me for my ability to manage financial budget, analysis, and reporting activities.

I am also adept at optimizing operations through aggressive solutions that increase and align organizations' strategy, resources, structure, and culture.

Skilled in writing correspondence, providing supporting documents, establishing or updating authorized signers, closing accounts, and several others.

Advanced leadership and analytical skills with extensive experience in gathering, managing and documenting business and functional requirements for small to large scale businesses with Global impact.

While others take pride in meeting all standards set before them: my passion is for delivering service that goes beyond organizational expectations, creating a win-win scenario for everyone involved.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out at saazhar@udallas.edu.

Experience

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
Accountant
January 2022 - Present (4 months)

Team Car Care DbA Jiffy Lube
Senior Inventory Analyst
October 2021 - January 2022 (4 months)
Irving, Texas, United States

Siemens Digital Industries Software
Senior Accountant
April 2021 - October 2021 (7 months)
Plano, Texas, United States

Document various processes in SAP S/4 Hana while conducting transactions, such as revaluation process, accounts receivable general allowance process, and contract assets and contract liabilities netting process. Review the journal entries to support the general accounting department. Meet set goals by providing resolution with foreign currencies variance. Resolve revaluation errors monthly. Coordinate with multiple departments, such as IT, Finance, and Treasury and new reports in SAP S/4 Hana. Report directly to the senior director of general accounting.

OSBURN
Senior Accountant
October 2020 - April 2021 (7 months)
Garland, Texas, United States

During my time over here, I oversee accounting activities, including implementation of FloQast, Concur, and Procore to optimize workflow and timely execution of all tasks. I prepare and present monthly financial reports to the management in collaboration with the controller. I monitor operations and ensure compliance with best accounting practices and regulatory protocols. I deliver forecasts and budget models to facilitate with decision-making. A few key achievements in this tenure include: Led and supported a team of three project accountants and AP/AR supervisor to ensure adequate financial management. Served as “point person” for 2020 external audit, including implementation of new accounting procedures (ASC 606) regarding revenue recognition. Utilized ERP Sage 300 CRE to improve productivity and drive strategic direction.

JMJ Development

Senior Financial Accountant/Financial Analyst

August 2020 - September 2020 (2 months)

Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex

In this role, I provided monthly financial reporting and real estate analysis to attract potential partners (private equity) for residential and commercial development. I coordinated the accounting department, including a team of two senior accountants.

A few key achievements in this tenure include: Real Estate Financial Modeling, Cap Rates and NOI, Land Loans and Construction Loans, Real Estate Development Model, Joint Ventures and Cash Flow WaterFalls, Financial Analysis Output, Commercial Real Estate Structure, Process, and Analysis.

Hunt Oil Company

Senior Accountant Financial Reporting

October 2019 - March 2020 (6 months)

Dallas, Texas

Hunt Consolidated, Inc. - Financial Reporting

Ensure the integrity of internal financial statements for domestic and international subsidiaries and parent entities, working with real estate, oil and gas, and power corporate areas. Prepare and record asset, liability, revenue, and expenses entries by compiling and analyzing account information. Maintain and balance subsidiary accounts by verifying, allocating, posting, and reconciling transactions and resolving discrepancies. Summarize financial status by collecting information and preparing balance sheet, profit and loss, and other statements. Handle consolidation and eliminations for multiple

entities. Collaborate with other team members on fraud prevention and detection. Introduced updated procedures to streamline month-end close process. Covered multiple positions resulting from company-wide Reduction in Force (RIF). Created plan and budgets for multiple divisions using the SAP EPM (Enterprise Performance Model) forecast model. Contributed to tax and internal audit teams by supplying supporting documentation and tax strategy. Calculated and reported debt compliance dealing with loan covenants. Completed annual CAM (Common Area Maintenance) Reconciliations.

Zoes Kitchen

Senior Accounting Consultant

May 2019 - October 2019 (6 months)

Plano, Texas, United States

Assisted with the multi-million-dollar acquisition of Zoe's Kitchen by Cava Group. Analyzed detailed account activity and record sales entries entered between Great Plains and the POS system (Aloha Configuration). Leveraged subject matter expertise to help clients and business partners interpret business requirements and critical business initiatives. Assisted in developing business requirements, including process flows, business rules, information/data, controls and reporting. Prepare, reconcile, and submit entries related to sales commissions and write-offs. Reduced past due receivables by 70% while working alongside the sales teams. Coordinated with the Operations team to minimize food costs and to eliminate inventory waste.

Fotona Lasers USA

Senior Accountant

December 2016 - April 2019 (2 years 5 months)

Dallas/Fort Worth Area

I managed accounting processes and serve as a contact point for general inquiries. I oversaw a team of two junior accountants in their daily operation, covering payroll, inventory control and month-end close, as well as preparation of financial documents, including income tax returns, monthly reports and financial statements. My duties also included filing quarterly and annual sales returns for 20 states. I assisted the CFO with financial analysis and reporting as well as preparing documents for external audits. My efforts in coordinating all supporting documentation significantly contributed to the successful completion of two comprehensive audits conducted by Big 4 firms. I also interacted with government authority and auditors to ensure regulatory compliance and adherence to SOPs. My success in streamlining inventory processes reduced variances and cost overages by 80%. I also focused on

implementing new procedures for expense reporting to reduce unauthorized expenditures by 50%.

Paciugo Gelato & Caffè

Staff Accountant/Accounts Receivable Manager

December 2015 - November 2016 (1 year)

Dallas/Fort Worth Area

I prepared financial statements, provided support with regards to accounting and financial issues, handled general bookkeeping as well as managed A/P and A/R. However, I focused more on the latter, handling the company's accounting, cash management, treasury and tax planning functions. I accomplished accounts receivable goals by assigning tasks to the junior staff and adhering to the main policies and procedures in the industry. I streamlined the implementation of Microsoft Dynamics NAV across the entire company that created extra opportunities for process automation. I developed and implemented initiatives that enabled significant cost savings through P/L reduction and inventory control improvement. I insisted on the implementation of verification procedures that streamlined end-of-month processing and increased its accuracy. I also spearheaded the initiative related to communication processes improvement that facilitated the reduction of delinquent account status risks.

Eyemart Express

Corporate Staff Accountant

March 2015 - December 2015 (10 months)

Dallas/Fort Worth Area

I assumed responsibility for performing general accounting duties, covering expense reporting, financial statement creation, and review, inventory control, accounts payable/receivable management, etc. I managed all financial and regulatory aspects of day-to-day operations, including general ledger, COGS, ROI. I also generated and filed multi-state sales tax returns for all locations as well as reconciled accounts, answered accounting questions and implemented accounting procedures. I maintained detailed financial reports using specific accounting software to prove their tax accuracy and regulatory compliance. My stint here fell to the period of a 150-location merger between EyeMart Express and Friedman Fleischer & Lowe where I assisted in the coordination of all accounting-related workflows required to complete this merger with a minimal loss of productivity. I provided comprehensive support to auditors by collecting all required documentation as well as completed timely authentication of all requested records.

India Bazaar

Staff Accountant

June 2013 - March 2015 (1 year 10 months)

Dallas/Fort Worth Area

I performed various accounting responsibilities, including creating and reviewing financial statements, auditing ledgers, reconciling accounts, managing vendors, conducting inventory control, etc. My efforts resulted in successful identification and correction of critical deviations from standardized accounting procedures that could not be tolerated in the modern business environment. My primary duty was to investigate and resolve discrepancies found in financial records according to SOPs and best accounting practices. One of my accomplishments in this position was my dedication to automation and process improvement that led to the implementation of standardized reporting and journaling procedures using Peachtree and Excel. Also, I supervised the operation of multiple financial staff in different departments as well as delivered special financial compliance training sessions to employees across the enterprise. Furthermore, I excelled in payroll processing and budget planning.

Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans

Payroll and Finance

August 2011 - May 2012 (10 months)

Greater New Orleans Area

While working here, I handled the company's accounts and financial activities, which were largely related to payroll processing. Thus, I gained invaluable professional exposure to payroll and financial administration for civil court employees. I worked with different employee records databases, ensuring that the payroll and benefits information entered into them was correct. Moreover, I processed new hires documentation as well as inserted their data into the databases, also verifying their eligibility for certain payroll and benefits schemes. I was responsible for timely and accurate biweekly payroll processing, requiring financial record preparation and submission to ADP PayExpert and ADP Enterprise processors. This documentation also included a comprehensive analysis of accrued and federally-mandated employee leave requests, affecting the final amount

WALDON HEALTHCARE CENTER

Accountant/Director of Human Resources

January 2009 - July 2011 (2 years 7 months)

Kenner, Louisiana

During my stint, I successfully combined day-to-day accounting and human resource duties to ensure smooth and stable operation of Waldon Healthcare facility. I successfully reconciled, audited and prepared financial statements for all Resident Trust Accounts. Apart from being responsible for financial planning and analysis, annual and quarterly budget management and payroll processing, I also supervised new nursing and administrative employees, delivering onboarding training and completing their credential verification. My successful workers' compensation management schemes resulted in the enhancement of the employee's productivity and effectiveness. Moreover, I ensured compliance with health insurance and OSHA requirements for all employees.

Education

Satish & Yasmin Gupta College of Business

Master of Science - MS, Accounting · (2017 - 2019)

University of New Orleans

Master of Science (M.Sc.), Health/Health Care Administration/
Management · (2010 - 2011)

Louisiana State University

BS, Biological Sciences · (1998 - 2002)

Saint Stanislaus

Diploma, Business and Religion · (1994 - 1998)