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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven Finance & Accounting Leader with 20+ years of international experience spanning startups, real estate, manufacturing, construction, and technology. Proven track record of driving financial transformation, implementing ERP systems, ensuring IFRS/tax compliance, and leading cross-border teams. Adept at translating complex financial data into actionable business insights and delivering measurable improvements in profitability, efficiency, and compliance.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Financial Leadership & Strategy
- Budgeting, Forecasting & Financial Modeling
- Accounts Receivable & Payable Management
- Team Leadership, Training & Development
- IFRS, Taxation, VAT & Social Security Compliance
- ERP/Finance System Integration (QuickBooks Online, Dolphin)
- Process Improvement & Internal Controls
- Advanced Excel, Financial Reporting & Analysis

Finance & Accounting Manager | Seez (DIFC, Dubai, UAE) | Dec 2017 – Present

- Lead full-cycle accounting operations using QuickBooks Online, Dolphin, and Odoo ERP.
- Coordinate cross-border finance teams using Slack and ClickUp to ensure timely reporting.
- Manage Accounts Receivable and resolve discrepancies, improving cash flow and collection speed.
- Partner with leadership to develop budgets, forecasts, and financial models for strategic decision-making.
- Played a key role in Seez's merger with Pinewood.AI — implemented robust financial controls and transparent reporting throughout the transition.

Head of Accounting & Finance | DALFA Group (Beirut, Lebanon) | Feb 2013 – Nov 2017

- Directed finance operations for two international companies, overseeing budgeting, forecasting, and financial statements.
- Designed and implemented IT-driven financial processes, increasing reporting speed and accuracy.
- Ensured compliance with IFRS, tax, and regulatory requirements across multiple jurisdictions.

Group Financial Controller | AG Vision Construction (Nigeria) | Feb 2010 – Jan 2013

- Led IFRS implementation, construction project financing, and financial system optimization.
- Enhanced ERP systems to improve operational efficiency and transparency.

Group Accounting & Administration Manager | FWI & NREC (Sultan Group Subsidiary, Lebanon) | Sep 2006 – Jan 2010

- Oversaw accounting, HR, and administration functions across multi-regional operations.
- Developed and enforced financial policies ensuring compliance and internal controls.

Accounting Manager | Soufan Engineering (Lebanon) | Sep 2005 – Aug 2006

- Managed accounting teams, tax compliance, and prepared financial statements.

Chief Accountant | African American International (Kinshasa, DRC) | Dec 2000 – Jun 2005

- Established accounting systems for multiple African branches; improved financial transparency.

Accounts Supervisor | Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC, UAE) | Apr 1989 – May 2000

- Led cost accounting, budgeting, and financial forecasting for manufacturing operations.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Business Management & Accounting – Lebanese American University, Beirut, Lebanon

LANGUAGES

Arabic – Native | English – Fluent

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Accounting Software: QuickBooks Online, PIMS, Dolphin, Odoo ERP

Project Management Tools: Slack, ClickUp

Office Suite: Advanced MS Excel, Word, PowerPoint