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OBJECTIVE

Looking for a position where I can develop management skills within a dynamic environment by utilizing both my experience in business and creative ability to problem solving.

EDUCATION

Jan 2018 - Jul 2018

Thomson Reuters Eikon Platform Researcher

Research on this platform: Market Research, Industry Trends, Industry and Market reports, Financial reports

Country Economic indicators, Company Overview and reports

Nov 2017 - Dec 2017

Anthony Rizk Certified Life Coach Program -Beirut, Lebanon

Certificate from The National Federation of NLP Certificate from The Behavioral Coaching Institute Certificate from The International Coaching Council

Certificate of membership in The National Federation of NLP

Sep 2012 - Jul 2016

American University of Beirut - Beirut, Lebanon

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics

Sep 1998 – Jun 2012

College Protestant Français – Beirut, Lebanon

French Economic Baccalaureate, Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan 2018 - Present

UK Lebanon Tech Hub - Beirut, Lebanon

Venture Strategy Associate

- Managing startups accounts while giving guidance on different aspects of their business.
- Making sure deliverables, such as marketing plan, financial model and wireframes are prepared and reviewing them to tackle bottlenecks.
- Conducting market research to find trends and study the overall growth and direction of the different industries for each startup.
- Preparing a competitive intelligence report tailored for each startup based on different functionalities and data needed.

Jan 2015 - Present

Spoke Mobile Application – Beirut, Lebanon

Co-Founder and Consultant

- Assembling a complete technical team of programmers to develop an in-house fully functional platform.
- Preparing and planning a marketing campaign after carefully studying the targeted users.
- Carrying out a research on trends in the mobile application industry and using the findings in the design and interface of the app while taking into consideration the whole user experience.
- Creating analytical strategies and different approaches on tackling the target market.
- Coming up with different monetization strategies as part of the business development of the startup.

Oct 2016 - Feb 2017

Deloitte - Beirut, Lebanon

Strategy & Technology Consulting Intern

- Developed a series of detailed analysis for every recommendation proposed and presented the findings.
- Conducted extensive market research to identify the major growth trends and best-practice models within the smart government software solution industry and aligned the findings with the UAE's 2021 innovation strategy.
- Developed a benchmark based on selected qualitative and quantitative metrics and used it to screen through a list of software solutions for the Telecom regulatory body in the UAE.

Jun 2014 - Jan 2015

TickTalk Mobile Application - Beirut, Lebanon

CEO and Founder

- Created the idea of the application along with its user interface and features.
- Gathered resources to hire developers and used connections to reach award winning graphic designers to take this platform from concept to a ready to launch application.
- Followed up on a weekly basis with the different teams.

WORKSHOPS AND COMPETITIONS

Feb 2015 – Jun 2015

Bader Young Entrepreneur workshops and finalist in the program – Beirut, Lebanon

- Attended workshops over the course of twelve weeks to learn the different characteristics
 that a startup is judged upon including value proposition, business model canvas and
 pitching an idea in two minutes.
- Exposed in front of judges from investors, representatives from the World Bank in London and other prominent figures from different programs.

Jan 2015 - Jun 2015

Darwazah Competition - Beirut, Lebanon

- Attended workshops focusing on the business model, the do's and don'ts of startups, the financial statements, pitching sessions, and trainings.
- Went through different stages to get to the final round and pitched in front of judges from professionals in the field of startups.

March 17 - 19, 2015

ArabNet Lebanon - Beirut, Lebanon

- Exposure with over two hundred attendees with over twenty judges.
- Won second place out of two hundred startups.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Champs Fund NGO: Part of the Champs fund NGO, the Hicham El Hage Program for "Young Hearts and Athletes Health", a charitable fund at the American University of Beirut Medical Center and volunteered in events on the American University of Beirut campus.
- AUB Outdoors: An active member in the food and construction teams; participated in organizing the outdoors event at AUB.

SKILLS SUMMARY

- Languages: Fluent in writing and speaking English, Arabic, and French. Beginner in Spanish.
- Computer Skills: Fluent in Excel, Office, PowerPoint, Google Drive. Intermediate in Visio.
- Soft Skills: Negotiator, Communicator, Persistent, Critical Thinker, Creative and Creative Problem Solver.

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

- Basketball: Represented Lebanon in worldwide tournaments and attended 20+Basketball camps with different professional coaches.
- Athletic activities: Surfing, MMA (Mixed martial arts) focus: Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Running and Gym.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.