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Experienced tech-savvy accountant with a unique blend of data and financial reporting skills

KEY SKILLS

- Future-proof data skills – MS Excel power-user, intermediate SQL & Python, intermediate VBA
- Track record of driving accounting systems improvement through data process automation
- All-round accounting experience - management accounting, financial reporting
- Strong communicator in both in-person and remote environment

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Senior Accountant

Prophix | Amsterdam, NL | Oct 2023 - date

Financial accounting & reporting for multiple European entities for a SaaS company

- Financial reporting for multiple European entities – reconciling books to local accountants in each country – leading the periodic reviews of the books to investigate and resolved any variances
- Used VBA, Power Query and SQL to roll out multiple data automation processes that significantly improved the financial reporting and planning process:
 - Bank dashboard – amalgamated 12 different banks into a single dataset to help the senior management to project cash outgoings and plan inter-company cash movements
 - Balance sheet review templates – used SQL to build scalable working papers, allowing the user to pull the data directly to the spreadsheet instead of having to use the UI

Senior Accountant

Hotjar | Remote | Jul 2022 – Oct 2023

Fully remote Financial Accountant in high-paced, high-growth SaaS company

- Worked closely with the FP&A team to help project the future costs
- Ownership of 9 entities including the UK – local reporting, including VAT & CIT and audits
- Heavy involvement in migration to ERP (Netsuite) from Xero
- Identified room for improvement and coded VBA application that auto-formats data prior to the upload to the ERP system, resulting in couple of hours saved each month

Interim assignments

Amsterdam, NL | Jul 2019 – Jul 2022

Supporting the Finance function in various businesses to help with implementation of new ERP system and a new payroll provider. Successfully implemented various automations in financial reporting systems, resulting in significant time savings for the business

Management Accountant

Carbase | Bristol, UK | May 2018 – April 2019

Financial reporting for car dealership business with 4 branches and turnover of £120m

- Regular, weekly reporting to senior management - KPIs, margin report and stock report
- Extensive data manipulation - ownership of reconciliations involving thousands of lines of data
- Heavy involvement in the process of migrating the accounts from Sage to bespoke ERP software
- Implementation of new schedules for P/L and SOFP codes resulting in greater transparency and time savings
- Interviewing new starters for finance department alongside with Financial Controller

Financial Accountant

Indigo Food Group | Llantrisant, UK | Mar 2017 – May 2018

Promoted to prepare management accounts for food manufacturing business with £16m turnover

- Monthly reconciliation of an average £700k cost of sales
- Weekly reporting to senior management – margin report, executive report and labour report
- Involvement in product launches – costing new products, projecting their GP margin and profitability
- Final authorisation of all supplier invoices and staff expenses, AP/AR cover when necessary
- Providing support and delegating tasks to colleagues and giving comprehensive training to new starters

Credit Controller

Indigo Food Group | Bristol, UK | Oct 2016 – Mar 2017

Progression to Credit Controller, taking responsibility for Accounts Receivable with annual turnover of £20m

- Sole responsibility for allocating all incoming payments into two bank accounts
- Checking for errors on raised delivery notes – a comprehensive error-checking system built which resulted in elimination of the vast majority of discrepancies
- Credit control – analysis of aged debtors, chasing payments, sending statements and resolving queries

Accounts Assistant

Indigo Food Group | Bristol, UK | Jan 2016 – Sep 2016

3 months unpaid internship to gain the initial experience followed by fixed-term Accounts Assistant role

- Accounts Payable - circa 50 invoices processed daily, complete responsibility for payment runs
- Preparation of monthly VAT returns and EU intrastat, submitting these to HMRC (UK tax authority)
- Month-end reporting support - accruals and prepayments, double entry journals, reconciliations

TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS**10 day Vipassana meditation retreat**

Dilsen-Stokken, Belgium | Apr 2022

Third intense 10-day course

10 day Vipassana meditation retreat

Lamphun, Thailand | Mar 2019

Second intense 10-day course

10 day Vipassana meditation retreat

Herefordshire, UK | Apr 2018

10-day Vipassana meditation technique course. Practice of this technique greatly contributes to general well-being and has positive effects such as better focus, awareness and resilience

Assertiveness workshop

Bristol, UK | Nov 2017

One-day workshop to improve communication skills at the workplace

EDUCATION**ACCA qualification**

2024 – date

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting

Oxford-Brookers University | March 2023 – date

- Expected to be finalised December 2025

AAT qualification

AAT | Apr 2015 – Aug 2016

- Pre-requisite for chartered qualifications; studying while working full-time