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CAREER OBJECTIVE

To pursue a dynamic and challenging career that provides me a wide spectrum of experience & exposure. To bring a dynamic and versatile portfolio of skills at work place and to serve the organisation with positive attitude and efficiency.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summary

Chartered Accountant with experience in **Financial Reporting and Analytics, Audit and Assurance, Control and Compliance, Business Process Improvement domains, Process Transformation including Migrations and Project & People Management skills.**

AMERICAN EXPRESS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED, GURGAON

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS MANAGER | SEP 2019- TILL DATE

- Currently responsible for legal entity Controllership function for US entities including preparation of Financial statements including 10K including strategic advisory & assist with **AXP external reporting**, including SEC filings, Earnings Releases, and legal entity financial Disclosures and ensuring compliance with US GAAP and local regulatory requirements.
- Assisted in establishing a **Centre of Excellence** for optimized efforts and enhanced reporting and analytics to support management decisions and external auditors.
- Executing **risk & control governance, external audits & reviews**; conducting internal process audits & process reviews for ensuring strict adherence to process parameters/systems as per defined guidelines.
- Month-end Closing and Reporting tasks, including continuous review of financial results (Income Statement and Balance Sheet), **variance analysis**, and sub-ledger reconciliation
- **Partnership with regional controllers** on monthly reconciliations status updates, monthly calls with controllers on reconciliation update.
- Managed risk by conducting root cause analysis of various exceptions /frauds in the account and taking appropriate steps to resolve and fix the exception.
- Designed and implemented new **Process Risk Self-Assessment** for E2E processes
- Managed process of escheatment for prepaid gift cards as per the state laws (USA).
- Assisted in **Project Management** as per of AXP global initiatives involving key stakeholders in the refreshing of AXP policy for Balance Sheet Reconciliations process.
- Leading team of experienced Chartered Accountants', Analytics and MBA's.
- Developed and delivered Training solutions for multiple processes.
- Led many **Employee Engagement and Learning & Development** initiatives.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Month on Month variance analysis of prepaid product helped in **highlighting the issue on time and track the unusual events effectively.**
- **Advancement of MJE and Research & Clearance process** during the COVID 19 work arrangement.

GRANT THORNTON INDIA, NEW DELHI

CONSULTANT (FEBRUARY 2018-SEPTEMBER 2019)

- **Preparation & finalization of standalone financial statements, consolidated financial statements, and deliverable** of corporate and non-corporate entities with the application of **Indian GAAP, Ind AS, IFRS, and US GAAP** (as applicable).
- Formulation and execution of **audit procedures** in accordance with the audit methodology of the firm.
- Conducting **preliminary analytics** on projected figures for risk mapping and planning along with **variance analysis and analytical reviews.**
- **Substantive procedures** other than analytical for checking of balances and figures reported in financial statements (including vouching and verification, documentation, third party confirmations, ageing analysis, and third party consultations).
- Ensuring Financial Reporting complies with the applicable laws, rules, guidelines, and pronouncements.
- Review and finalization of Financial Statements along with all schedules.
- **Preparation of audit reports** (CARO, certification on Internal Financial Controls, reports in accordance with the guidance note on audit of banks, report as group auditors)
- A diverse portfolio of clients managed **high-risk listed entities** across consumer products, energy, pharmaceuticals, sector, and delivered high-quality services.

ARTICLESHIP

M/S S. bhandari & Co. (2013-2016)

EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Chartered Accountant, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Nov 2017
- CS Final (Group 111), Institute of Company Secretaries of India, June 2016
- CMA- Inter, Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Dec. 2014
- Equity Derivatives (NCFM) Certification from NSEiT.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- B.Com (Honors) Graduate from University of Rajasthan, 2010-2013
- C.B.S.E Board - 2009-2010; High school

ACHIEVEMENTS & HOBBIES

- Gold Medalist in CWA Foundation examination December 2013.
- Keen interest in painting and some of the paintings have been displayed in various art galleries.
- Won chess championship in Grant Thornton Sports Fest 2019.

SOFTWARE / COMPUTER PROFICIENCY

- Oracle
- MS-Office
- SAP
- IDEA Tool
- Tally ERP

SOCIAL

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PERSONAL DETAILS

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