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Energetic and hands-on senior accounting/finance professional with 13 years of progressive experience in global businesses across multiple industries.

Collaborative and inclusive leader with proven ability to build cross-functional, high-performing, and culturally diverse teams. Strong interpersonal and communication skills with a focus on fostering alignment and consensus.

Advocate for applying LLMs and AI-driven agents to modernize finance operations and develop company-specific use cases in accounting and financial reporting, enhancing consistency and efficiency.

Proven track-record in: Assurance Services (IDW, ISA, PCAOB, SA-CH, US-GAAS) · Data Analytics in Audit · Group Accounting & Consolidation · Financial Planning & Analysis · Internal Controls · Investor Relations · People Development · Project Management Office · Regulatory Financial Reporting · Risk Management · Technical Accounting (German GAAP, IFRS, U.S. GAAP, Swiss Law)

Professional Work Experience

Interim Manager - Freelancer/Contractor (since 08/23)

JS Accounting Services GmbH, Baar (Canton Zug, Switzerland)

- Interim Audit Manager for financial statement audits, reviews, and other transaction-related assurance services under IFRS, U.S. GAAP, the Swiss Code of Obligations, and the German Commercial Code (HGB).
- Interim Accounting & Reporting Manager, leading or supporting financial closing processes, (group) financial statement preparation, GAAP conversions, and financial due diligence projects.
- Interim Head of Accounting & Reporting, overseeing all accounting and reporting functions, ensuring the accuracy and timeliness of financial statements, managing accounting teams, and ensuring compliance with relevant accounting standards and regulations.
- Transaction Accounting Manager, providing hands-on accounting throughout the deal cycle, including compliance, controlling, management accounting, and financial reporting for C-level executives.
- Consultant for international mid-sized clients headquartered in Germany and Switzerland with specialized expertise in group accounting and consolidation:
 - Delivered first-time IFRS group financial statements
 - Advisor and PMO during ERP and accounting/reporting software implementation
 - Introduced LLMs and AI Agents for drafting note disclosures, MD&A reports (Lagebericht), accounting policies, and guidelines/SOP

Senior Manager – U.S. Accounting & Reporting Group (09/21 – 07/23)

KPMG AG, Zurich (Switzerland)

- Managed the audit of carve-out financial statements in accordance with IFRS and PCAOB regulations, filed as part of a registration statement (Form F-4) with the SEC for a Swiss-based Foreign Private Issuer.
- Led and supported transaction-related projects requiring PCAOB/SEC reporting expertise, including drafting comfort letters and reviewing offering memoranda (e.g., IPO prospectuses and notes offerings under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933).
- Managed the audit of a Swiss based multinational under IFRS with group reporting requirements to China, including financial due diligence procedures to support potential public listing in China
- Acted as secondary signer of several statutory financial statements of a Swiss-based multinational under the Swiss Code of Obligation (power of attorney for KPMG AG)
- Managed a team of 20–25 professionals, including responsibility for performance appraisals and staff development.

Director of Accounting & Business Development (08/19 – 09/21)

Rödl & Partner USA (www.roedl.us/), Chicago, IL, and Detroit, MI (both USA)

- Provided tailored accounting, audit, tax, and business consulting services to German-speaking businesses operating in the U.S.
- Managed key financial processes and delivered accounting expertise under Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) agreements, including negotiating statements of work.
- Served as the primary point of contact for client C-suite executives, including Chief Accounting Officers, VPs/Directors of Finance, and CFOs.

- Acted as a business developer in the Detroit Metro area, building long-term relationships with various organizations (e.g., Chambers of Commerce, trade associations, international legal groups, and local universities) and representing the firm at networking events.
- Contributed to the establishment of a new office in the Detroit Metro area and increased headcount from 2 to 6 employees by creating and expanding billable client engagements

Assurance/Audit Manager (01/17 – 08/19)

Ernst & Young U.S. LLP, Detroit, MI (USA); dual contract with Ernst & Young Germany until 8/18

- Managed financial statement audits, special purpose framework audits, and accounting advisory projects for U.S.-based companies reporting under IFRS and U.S. GAAP.
- Supervised international project teams of up to 20 professionals, including global staffing coordination.
- Increased project net profit margins by over 15% using data analytics and offshoring strategies.
- Delivered advisory workshops to audit clients, including ASC 606 / IFRS 15 implementations and assessments of business processes and internal control environments.
- Supported an IPO readiness assessment for a U.S. stock exchange listing, including a first-time audit and the evaluation of financial reporting processes, internal controls, governance structures, and compliance with SEC and PCAOB requirements.
- Active member of the German Business Network in the U.S. and power of attorney for Ernst & Young Germany.

Audit Senior & Associate (11/12 – 12/16)

Ernst & Young Germany, Munich, Germany / Service Line: Audit & Assurance

- Gained foundational understanding of all major financial statement line items
- Performed compliance testing under German GAAP, IFRS, and U.S. GAAP
- Conducted risk assessments of various business processes, internal controls, and financial reporting procedures
- Collaborated with internal auditors on transaction cycle reviews and SOX 404 compliance testing
- Participated in component audits under PCAOB standards for an SEC-listed client

Industries served: Automotive, Consumer Products, Retail/Distribution, Life Sciences, Manufacturing, Private Equity

Professional Credentials

- CPA (Certified Public Accountant): Licensed in the State of Michigan (USA) since 12/18
- ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants): Member since 01/17 and advanced to fellowship in 01/22
- CMA (Certified Management Accountant): inactive, Member between 12/15 and 07/23

Education

- Master of Science · International Accounting & Finance · University of Liverpool (U.K.)
- Bachelor of Science · Business Administration · University of Regensburg (Germany); credit transfers from:
 - San Diego State University, California (USA)
 - Beijing University (China Mainland)
 - Fudan University Shanghai (China Mainland)