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CAREER SUMMARY

I am a finance professional with proven **finance, accounting and strategy skills** spanning over **10 years** of my experience. My recent work in the **investment banking** and the **commodity trading** industry (**Oil & Gas**, **Fertilizers** and **Agri**) in **DIFC** has allowed me to work, monitor and advise on all aspects of major and primary financial tools and measures. I have developed solid skills and knowledge in **consolidated group accounts**, **financial planning & analysis**, areas of **financial modelling** in excel, **data visualization**, **AI Automation, ERP** implementation and **Board Reporting**.

KEY EXPERTISE

Financial Modelling	**Business and Financial Analysis**	**Budgeting & Variance Analysis**
Consolidation & Board Reporting	**AI Automation & Data Visualization**	**Performance and Cost Optimisation**
Risk Management (ECL, VAR)	**Financial & Management Accounting**	**KPI & Sensitivity Analysis**
ERP Implementation	**Liquidity and Treasury Management**	**Investment Appraisal**

EXPERIENCE (More than 10 years)

FP&A & AI Transformation in Finance (Part-time)

Independent Private Consultant | *DIFC, Dubai, UAE* | *Dec 2025 – Current*

- Automated **bookkeeping data capture**: pulled **900+** expense receipts straight from email into an Excel ledger with monthly USD/AED summaries and a filterable transaction log.
- Designed and ran **agentic workflows**: scheduled **Claude agents**, browser automation and database-backed dashboards that scan, extract and log data daily with no manual entry. (Including **Power BI cash flow model** and an Excel budget vs actuals tool with MTD/YTD dashboards)
- Wrote **custom Claude skills and sub-agent playbooks** (orchestrator, builder, reviewer, tester) so each process runs the same way every time and output is checked against the original brief.
- Built **AI-assisted reporting workflows** on Claude code, Power BI and Excel that draft variance commentary, prepare reconciliations and assemble management packs, with human sign-off before anything is issued.
- Scoped a **UAE VAT and corporate tax bookkeeping agent** and **an e-invoicing (PINT AE) readiness** checklist for SMEs.

FP&A Manager (6-Month Fractional Contract)

Aramco Trading Dubai | *DIFC, Dubai, UAE* | *Jun 2025 – Nov 2025*

- Prepared **Board Reports** and **Power BI/Excel dashboards** as focal point for Planning & Performance with **ATC** and **Aramco HQ.**
- Built **financial models** and **scenario analyses** for long-term investments and strategy.
- Partnered with Traders, Finance, Risk and Operations to **optimize costs, P&L and profitability**.
- Oversaw and solely led the annual business planning and forecasting, **delivering insights to the Board**.
- **Defined and monitored KPIs** across costs structuring, profitability, liquidity and operations.

Financial Planning and Analysis Manager (6-Month Fractional Contract)

Majid Al Futtaim | *Dubai, UAE* | *Jan 2025 – Jun 2025*

- Conduct **value-creation analyses**, including **benchmarking**, financial analysis and executive presentations.
- **Prepare and review FP&A policies** covering reporting, forecasting, budgeting and long-term planning.
- Monitor and tracking BU performance and **trends**, **flagging risks, spends** and opportunities against budget and **project timelines**.
- Track **KPIs**, analyzing variances and providing recommendations to **support decision-making**.
- Develop **financial models** for consolidation, **variance** analysis and **sensitivity** scenarios.
- Identify **underperforming sites** and unusual spending, monitoring **KPIs** across investment projects.
- Conduct **Post-Investment Analyses** against initial feasibility studies.

Finance Project Manager & FP&A Team Lead

Nestwise Trading | *DIFC, Dubai, UAE* | *May 2023 – Sep 2024*

- Led a team of **17 across seven global locations**, overseeing treasury, **financial reporting**, **P&L consolidation** and **risk reporting**.
- Managed finance projects driving efficiency, ensuring correct **IFRS** application including **hedge accounting**.
- Built the company's first **cash management system** and **payment policies** as sole project lead.
- Optimized **working capital** via trade finance and treasury resources, **maintaining liquidity** and **covenant compliance**.
- Led **FX risk management**, partnering with trading desks to manage **currency exposure**.
- Developed **budgets, project timeline trackers, financial plans** and **forecasts** from performance and market data.
- Contributed to the **Credit Risk Committee** with risk insights.
- Led **CTRM** (Aspect) and **SAP** implementation, improving data accuracy.
- Introduced live **Power BI dashboards** for real-time reporting.
- Updated the write-up of **trading mandate**, **risk**, **ECL** and **budget policies** to meet regulatory standards.
- Strengthened **treasury and payment controls** for financial oversight in collaboration with **external parties** (mainly banks).

Group Management Accountant / Analyst

OQ Trading Ltd (Oil & Gas and Fertiliser commodities trading) | *DIFC, Dubai, UAE* | *Oct 2019 – May 2023*

- Finalized **consolidated** financial statements across entities trading **oil & gas**, **fertilizer** and other commodities.
- Produced **board-level review packs** and the official **Board report** with **KPIs** on critical success factors.
- Liaised and **business partnering** with **Risk**, **Treasury**, **Accounting** and **Trade Finance** teams to report on performance and commercial KPIs(e.g,Duqm Refinery).
- Delivered **P&L, cost break-down** and **risk commentary** for the board (**ECL**, **VaR**, **liquidity**, **credit** & **operational risk**).
- Maintained the **trading mandate**, **risk policy** and **ECL** policy.
- Managed **cost allocation** across entities, calculating **cost** per **desk** and **trader**.
- Led **budgeting** and **planning**, **reporting variances** across the business from scratch.
- Oversaw booking of **finance** & **insurance charges** (LC charges, bonds, discounting) in ERP/CTRM.
- Reconciled **140+ bank accounts** and **broker statements** monthly with the risk team.
- Supported **IFRS hedge accounting** to mitigate financial risk.
- Prepared **liquidity** and **cash utilization reports**, **ensuring covenant compliance**.
- Assisted treasury with cash flow planning to **optimize liquidity** and **payments** while maintaining relationships externally with **banks**.
- Handled ad hoc reporting, including **Singapore trade** & **GTP** surveys.

Senior Finance Executive / Financial Analyst

Global Investment Bank Ltd | *DIFC, Dubai, UAE* | *Aug 2017 – Sep 2019*

- **Oversaw accounting operations**, including **journal** review, **task delegation** and **financial statement preparation**.
- Acted as primary contact for **external** and **internal** auditors.
- Produced **budgets** and **variance** reports for senior management from scratch.
- Assessed **potential clients** financial positions and recommended improvements.
- Identified **bottlenecks** and **recommended efficiency improvements** on cost optimization on key **restructuring** projects.
- Compiled and reported key business metrics to management.
- Supported **DCF valuation modeling**, **pitch books** and **sensitivity analysis for advisory deals**.

Management Accountant

Brothers Gas | *Dubai, UAE* | *Jan 2017 – Aug 2017*

Financial Analyst / ERP Functional Consultant

HSB-Business Advisors | *Lahore, Pakistan* | *Jul 2015 – Jan 2017*

Education

FRM - GAARP (Financial Risk Manager) In-progress
Dubai, UAE

CPA (Australia)
Dubai, UAE

AICPA & CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)
Dubai, UAE

HDA (Higher Diploma in Accounting)
From CAPS, Lahore, Pakistan

A-levels - Cambridge University UK
From Lahore Grammar School, Lahore, Pakistan

O-levels - Cambridge University UK
From The City School, Lahore, Pakistan

COURSES / TRAINING

Corporate Banking Solutions to International Trade Finance
ICMI LEARNING

Financial Analyst Course
365 Careers

Financial Modelling: Build a Complete DCF Valuation Model
365 Careers

Statistics for Data Science and Business Analysis
365 Careers

IFRS - A Complete Course on IFRS
Udemy

INTERESTS

Sports especially swimming, cricket, soccer and table tennis, having a conversation on current affairs, reading self-improvement books and novels, playing chess, and learning new languages.