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**Summary**

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| Chartered Accountant (CA) cum a Certified Management Accountant (ACMA) with more than 13 years’ experience. Worked for one of the Big Four (audit firms) in the assurance and transaction advisory services business lines specializing in hospitality industry for more than 4 years. Since December 2012, employed at Thirty Six Strategies General Trading LLC. |

**Experience**

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| **36 Strategies General Trading LLC** | 36 Strategies helps businesses to succeed through strategic sourcing and vendor management. 36 Strategies provides intelligent, end-to-end procurement solutions to support organizations across both public and private sectors. |
| Finance Manager Dec 12 – present | * Analyzing and interpreting financial information * Formulating strategic and long-term business plans * Analyzing change, identifying its impact to the organization and advising accordingly * Monitoring cash flows and forecasting future trends * Researching and reporting on factors influencing business performance * Analyzing competitors and market trends * Developing financial management mechanisms that minimize financial risk * Conducting reviews and evaluations for cost-reduction opportunities * Managing group's financial accounting, monitoring and reporting systems * Liaising with auditors to ensure annual monitoring is carried out * Developing external relationships with appropriate contacts, e.g. suppliers, bankers * Arranging new sources of finance for a company's debt facilities and managing budgets * Supervising staff * Keeping abreast of changes in financial regulations and legislation   Performed a key role in implementing a new ERP system - SAP Business One  *Roles & Responsibilities - SAP*   * Expert functional and technical knowledge of SAP financial modules * Project preparation * Sizing and blueprinting * SAP functional development * Final Preparation |
| **Advanced Baking Concept LLC**  **(ProBake®)** | Specializing in providing a dependable and cost efficient high quality bakery and pastry solutions to the food industry, ABC is the first frozen bread and pastry manufacturer of its kind in the GCC. |
| Senior Accountant  Dec 08- Dec 12 | * Compiling and analyzing financial information to prepare financial statements including monthly and annual management accounts * Ensured financial records are maintained in compliance with accepted policies and procedures * Preparation of financial management reports * Ensured accurate and timely monthly, quarterly and year end close * Established, implemented overall control procedures and ensured it appropriately adhered * Resolved accounting discrepancies and irregularities * Continuous management and support of budget and forecast activities ***(continued.)*** |
|  | * Coordinated with auditors and ensured statutory audits were conducted on timely manner * Ensured accurate and appropriate recording and analysis of revenues and expenses * Analyzed and advised on business operations including revenue and expenditure trends, financial commitments and future revenues * Analyzed financial information to recommend or develop efficient use of resources and procedures, provide strategic recommendations and maintained solutions to business and financial problems |
| **KPMG Sri Lanka** | KPMG Sri Lanka is part of KPMG Global and market leader in Sri Lanka providing audit and advisory services with a client base of more than 600 entities. |
| Audit Supervisor  Jun 04 – Sep 08 | Part of KPMG Sri Lanka Audit & Assurance team for more than 4 years and during that period also conducted in-house training. Performed statutory audits for banking and finance, hospitality, insurance, construction, airlines and oil industry clients. Specialized in banking and hospitality sector. |
| Roles & Responsibilities | * Audit planning, team allocation, planning of scope, extent of procedures to be performed and evaluating design of controls * Reviewed work performed by audit team and decided on extent of substantive analytical procedures and test of details to be performed * Communicated with client and audit team to ensure timely completion of audit work and client deliverables * Drafting audit and other reports in accordance with statutory rules, auditing standards and firm policy * Preparation of financial statements including consolidations as part of audit * Advised clients on their regulatory obligations * Reviewed and analyzed internal control weaknesses and reported to management * Conducted in-house training for new joiners and existing staff on audit methodology |

**Education**

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| Professional Qualifications | * **Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (2003 – 2008)** - Member (CA) |
| * **Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Sri Lanka (2008)** - ACMA |
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| Academic Background | * G.C.E. Advanced Level (2002) * G.C.E Ordinary Level (1999) |
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**Others**

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| Other Activities | * Played for the College U/13 and U/15 division I cricket teams * Represented the School Karate team and also served as its Treasurer * Assistant Treasurer of the School Commerce society |
| Computer Skills | * Proficiency in Microsoft Office and accounting software (SAP Business One, Global Bake, Maitre’D-accounting and POS system) |
| Languages | English (Fluent); Sinhalese (Native) |