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EDUCATION

Chartered Accountancy (ICAP)

Articleship completed from A. F. Ferguson & Co. (a member firm of PwC network) in November 2018. Passed all papers of AFC, CAF and MSA levels and 5 out of 6 papers of CFAP level of ICAP examinations.

Bachelors in Commerce

Secured "First Division" in B.Com final examination held by the "University of Karachi" in the year 2016.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Aspin Pharma Private Limited [January 2022 - Present]

Working in the capacity of Manager Finance & Taxation in the Finance department, where my work comprises of the following:

- Reviewing of sales tax returns (Provincial and Federal), and withholding tax statements (Annual and Quarterly);
- Preparation of Annual Income Tax Returns;
- Liaison with tax consultants and tax authorities to respond to notices (Provincial and Federal);
- Co-ordination with auditors in the preparation and auditing of financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and local regulatory requirements;
- Playing key role in promoting good corporate governance by formulating SOPs where required; and
- Identifying opportunities for improving efficiencies and reducing costs through co-ordination with internal auditors

Hascol Petroleum Limited [March 2021 - December 2021]

Worked in the capacity of Assistant Manager & Taxation in the Finance department, where my work comprised of the following:

- Reviewing of sales tax returns (Provincial and Federal);
- Reviewing of withholding statements;
- Preparation of Annual Income Tax Return;
- Assisting in the preparation and auditing of financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and local regulatory requirements;
- Liaison with consultants for timely and swift completion of proceedings initiated by regulators;
- Liaison with tax consultants and tax authorities to respond to notices (Provincial and Federal);
- Playing key role in promoting good corporate governance; and
- Identifying opportunities for improving efficiencies and reducing costs.

TPL Corp Limited [December 2019 - February 2021]

Worked in capacity of Assistant Manager in Finance department, where my role comprised of similar responsibilities as detailed above.

A.F. Ferguson & Co. Chartered Accountants [December 2018 - November 2019]

Worked in capacity of Supervising Senior in Taxation department of A. F. Ferguson & Co., where my responsibilities included overseeing and reviewing work carried out by other staff members, also responsible for ensuring timely execution of tasks, complying with the defined quality attributes and meeting cost measures to avoid any unexpected budget overruns. My tenure in tax department of AFF is diversified in terms of:

- o Preparation of Income Tax Returns & Wealth Statements; (Corporate and High Net Worth Individuals)
- o Responding to taxation authorities queries / notices (Income Tax & Sales Tax);
- o Preparation of appeal arguments & grounds of appeal (Tax Commissioner &Tax Tribunal);
- o Advising on matters of Income Tax and Sales/Service Tax on;

- Withholding tax implications,
- Avoidance of double taxation,
- Cross border payments, and
- Transaction structuring to legitimately minimize tax consequence.

A.F. Ferguson & Co. Chartered Accountants [November 2014 - November 2018]

Completed my CA Articleship from Assurance and Business Advisory Services (ABAS) department of A.F.Ferguson and Co., the experience of the firm has enabled me to develop an understanding of regulatory environment of diversified industries, key business processes, the accounting and internal control systems of several organizations. Following are the most significant clients in various sectors and related engagements that have contributed to my professional growth:

ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS	
Oil Exploration Industry	Overseas Oil Trading Company Limited United Energy Pakistan Limited
Manufacturing Industry	3M Pakistan Private Limited
Pharmaceutical Industry	Bayer Pakistan Private Limited
Power Sector	Engro Powergen Qadirpur Limited Kolachi Portgen Private Limited
Others	Pakistan Business Council Private Limited Engro Eximp Agriproducts Private Limited Engro Elengy Terminal Private Limited

Achievements

- Early promotion to the stage of Audit Senior and Supervising Senior;
- Due to good auditing skills was moved to Internal Audit Department of the firm which helped me to obtain diversified knowledge of my field.

Core Values

- Punctual and time bound: I like to keep a margin of safety when it comes to project and assignments that have a very strict deadline, I believe in observing and monitoring timeliness of those who are working along to deliver.
- Gender Equality: I believe in treating and dealing with people equally irrespective of their sex, rules and guidelines apply indiscriminately to everyone in the work place and opportunities should be equally available to anyone who deserves them.
- Respect: People in the workplace irrespective of their grade/work level/ social status are to be treated homogeneously and respectfully, ethical boundaries in no circumstances should be crossed.

Other Skills

- Proficient in using Ms-Excel, Ms-Word & Ms-PowerPoint;
- Proficient verbal and written communication (English & Urdu), and
- Have successfully completed presentation and communication skills course of ICAP.

Other Activities

- Enjoy watching documentaries and talk shows relating to global economy and international politics;
- Sports including Cricket, Badminton, Table Tennis, and
- Travelling.

References to be furnished on request.

Nationality: Pakistani

Geographical location: Karachi, Pakistan (Willing to Relocate)

Availability: After notice period.