

Highly accomplished, result-driven Senior Financial & Accounting; Tax and Compliance management executive with more than 15 years of progressive experience in Corporate Tax, Direct & indirect Taxation, International Tax; Finance and Financial Reporting with global multi-billion-dollar US Organizations. Demonstrated ability to streamline business operations that drive growth, increased efficiency, and bottom-line profit. Strong hold on MENA Region Corporate Taxation, International Taxation & tax compliance, people management, System Migration, and process implementation, setting up & managing GBSC and Change management. Possesses solid leadership, communication, and people skills to work in challenging / multilingual / multicultural organizations and believe in building the organization for future.

## Industries / Sectors Experienced

- Service
- Oil & Gas
- Consultancy
- Fashion

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Averda International FZ LLC.

Sep 2024 to Feb 2025

#### *Tax Head - MENA & Africa Region*

- Reporting to Finance Director.
- Set-up and aligned Tax responsibilities among the local finance team.
- Tax filing compliance default brought on track which was not done for past 2-3 years.
- Reviewed and approved Tax returns for Tax filing in time.
- Evaluated complex tax issues to minimize risk and implement solution.
- Ensured all GCC Tax filing and other compliance done well within deadline.
- Ensured to update outstanding local statutory compliances across Middle East

### Expro (Franks International)

Jan 2023 to June 2024

#### *Tax Manager*

- Experienced manager in International Taxation, compliance & tax planning for middle east multinational company in Oil & Gas Industry, working for leading co.
- Reporting to Tax VP based in UK corporate office.
- Preparation and review of Tax report to management for Tax risk and fund flow; considering group Tax policy for Middle east and West African Entities
- Assisted and gave input on Key project from direct and indirect tax aspect.
- Responsible for all Corporate direct and Indirect Taxation ensuring timely compliance.
- Managed consultant and Tax expert appointment across eastern hemisphere to manage tax issues & securing tax exemption under DTAA & bilateral agreements.
- Provided guidance during process implementation to help company to deliver accurate income and financial statement.
- Collaborated between the various departments of organization to obtain requisite information to provide it to the stake holder of company.
- Reviewed and approved Finance & Tax Books and for Tax filing in time
- Evaluated complex tax issues to minimize risk and implement solution.
- Ensured all GCC Tax filing and other compliance for operation in MENA Region.
- Drive outstanding local statutory compliances across Middle East
- Team building and developing a skill for team and organization success.

**Promoted as Senior Tax Manager Eastern Hemisphere** **Mar 2019 to Dec-2022**

- Evaluated complex tax issues to minimize risk and implementation.
- Responsible for Tax compliance in Eastern Hemisphere
- Reviewed and approved Finance & Tax Books and for Tax filing in time.
- Negotiated with consulting firms for engagement for business needs.
- Oversee IT projects and guided Accounting Migration and improving approval process.

**Promoted as Tax Manager – MENA & West Africa** **May 2016 to Feb 2019**

- Built strong accounting & Tax team in region to support Tax compliance function at base.
- Regional Consolidation and periodic management reporting for Hemisphere
- Attended meetings with global finance managers to address client needs & issues.
- Responsible for Internal Control, Treasury, SOX, and FEMA compliance.
- Set up project office for India operation as per RBI guidelines for holding company in BVI.

**Franks International****May 2013 – Apr 2016*****Promoted as Asst. Tax Manager – MENA & West Africa***

- Managed Tax and finance function for Middle East and West African countries.
- Prepared budgets for tax expenses and arranging funds for tax payments.
- Led tax compliance/operation for joint venture and foreign subsidiaries.
- Set up tax efficient units in Middle east and west African countries based on relevant tax treaties & DTAA.
- Co-ordinated with consultants and Tax experts across eastern hemisphere to manage tax issues & securing tax exemption under DTAA & bilateral agreements.
- Maintained Tax Books submitted to authorities based on country specific needs.
- Ensure Sox Compliance after company went on listing on NYSE.
- Transition of Middle East countries transactional activities to captive Shared Service

**Franks International****Sep 2009 - Apr 2013*****Senior Accountant – Finance / Internal Control Europe***

- Responsible for monthly close for European and Dutch entities
- Performed internal audit for European Malaysian and Singapore entities.
- Active member of Steering committee for green field project (new plant set up) – Legal Entity setup, CAPEX requirement, Fund Management.
- Transition of accounting activities to Outsourced SSC center in Mumbai.
- Oversee Budget process, Cash Management, Banking, Dealer Audits

**Madan Achwal & Co. Mumbai****Apr 2009 – Aug 2009*****Executive – Audit, Tax & Compliance***

- Preparation of MIS Reports & Financials statement, CVA and EVA analysis, Budget
- Implement Process based costing to reduce cash loss in the manufacturing process.
- Compliance with indirect taxes, direct taxes, advance tax & TDS filing & corporate tax filing.

**Tahaliani designs Private Ltd (Ensemble), Mumbai****Jun 2005 - Feb 2006**

- Worked as Accounts Officer taking care of day-to-day accounting matters.
- Managed Tax compliance and Sales Taxes compliance
- Bank Reconciliation and Finalization of Books of accounts.
- Managed statutory audit and ensured to have audited FS & unqualified Audit report in time.

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## Achievements

- Set-up compliance department for middle east & West Africa region.
- Successfully migrated Revenue Department from Aberdeen to India.
- Streamline the Tax Compliance and approval process in West Africa & MENA region.
- Automate CAPEX approval process to reduce approval time from 30 days to 7 days.
- Real-time master data library for organization with access to the stakeholder.

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## Education

### Chartered Accountant, India

2006-2009     Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

### Certificate course in UAE Corporate Tax

2023-2024     Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

### CS Executive, India

2009-2011     Institute of Company Secretaries of India

### Master of Commerce, India

2003-2005     University of Mumbai

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