

Group Financial Controller

Michael Davis

Professional summary

Group Financial Controller with experience managing operations across multiple subsidiaries. Expertise in consolidating financial statements, managing cross-border tax planning, and implementing strategic controls in large organizations. Adept at optimizing financial performance and ensuring regulatory compliance in a global context.

Experience

Group Financial Controller

2016 - Now
Unilever PLC / London, UK

- Lead the consolidation of financial statements for Unilever's operations across Europe, Asia, and North America, with annual revenue exceeding \$13 billion.
- Spearhead the group's budgeting process, ensuring that divisional budgets aligned with global financial objectives.
- Play a pivotal role in cross-border tax planning, optimizing the company's tax strategy and ensuring compliance with international regulations.
- Implement cost reduction initiatives that reduce group-wide operational costs by 8%, contributing to the company's bottom line.

Financial Controller

2010 - 2015
Shell International / London, UK

- Managed the financial reporting and closing process for Shell's global energy division, which generated \$25 billion in annual revenue.
- Led monthly and quarterly financial close processes, providing insights into performance against budgets and forecasts.
- Worked with senior management to refine financial strategy, contributing to a 5% increase in operational efficiency across all regions.

International Experience

- **Financial Leadership for European Operations** – Unilever PLC

Oversaw financial operations in 10 European countries, ensuring compliance with EU regulations and local tax laws.

- **Cross-border M&A Experience** – Shell International

Actively participated in financial due diligence for two major acquisitions in the Middle East, enhancing the company's market position.

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Education

Master of Science in Finance

London Business School, UK | Graduated: 2009

Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting

University of Manchester, UK | Graduated: 2006

Certifications

- Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) | Issued: May 2012
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) – UK | Issued: September 2010

Skills

Group Financial Reporting	◆◆◆◆◆
Consolidation of Financial Statements	◆◆◆◆◆
International Tax Planning	◆◆◆◆◆
Financial Modeling & Analysis	◆◆◆◆◆
Risk Management & Compliance	◆◆◆◆◆
Mergers & Acquisition-s (M&A)	◆◆◆◆◆
Financial Systems Implementation	◆◆◆◆◆
Cross-border Financial Management	◆◆◆◆◆