

Chief Financial Officer

David Chen

Professional summary

Experienced Chief Financial Officer with 15 years in financial leadership roles across manufacturing and retail sectors. Skilled in capital management, financial planning, regulatory compliance, and mergers and acquisitions to maximize profitability and shareholder value.

Experience

Chief Financial Officer

2017 - Now

Crestview Manufacturing / Chicago, IL

- Direct financial strategy for a \$1B revenue company, improving profit margins by 12% through cost control initiatives and process improvements across departments.
- Negotiate and close \$150M in financing deals, including debt and equity offerings, to support expansion initiatives and significant technology investments.
- Implement advanced ERP system upgrades that reduce the monthly financial close cycle from 12 to 6 days, improving reporting accuracy and decision-making speed.
- Lead cross-functional teams to ensure Sarbanes-Oxley Act and SEC compliance, enhancing internal controls and reducing audit findings by 30%.

Vice President of Finance

2010 - 2017

Metro Retail Group / Chicago, IL

- Managed annual budgeting processes exceeding \$600M, improving forecasting accuracy by 20% through implementation of new financial software and training.
- Partnered with executive leadership to develop long-term financial plans that align with strategic business goals, supporting growth and sustainability.
- Oversaw internal audit functions, leading initiatives that reduce financial discrepancies and compliance risks by 35%.
- Directed tax planning and compliance efforts, optimizing tax liabilities while maintaining adherence to regulatory requirements.

Publications

- "Financial Leadership in Manufacturing," Journal of Corporate Finance, 2025
- "Optimizing Cash Flow in Retail," Financial Times, 2021

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Education

CPA Certified

Illinois Board of Accountancy | 2011

MBA

University of Chicago Booth School of Business | Chicago, IL | 2009

BS

Accounting, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | Urbana, IL | 2003

Certifications

- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level II Candidate | 2024
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) | Illinois | 2011

Skills

Financial Reporting ◆◆◆◆◆

Budgeting & Forecasting ◆◆◆◆◆

Capital Allocation ◆◆◆◆◆

Tax Planning ◆◆◆◆◆

Risk Analysis ◆◆◆◆◆

Investor Relations ◆◆◆◆◆

Regulatory Compliance ◆◆◆◆◆