

Poornima Mahadevan

Finance & Audit Manager | Chartered Accountant

Financial Reporting, Financial Instruments Accounting & Audit Expertise

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Summary

Dynamic and detail-oriented Chartered Accountant with 12+ years of progressive experience in financial reporting, external auditing, and financial instruments accounting across multiple industries and international markets. Proven expertise in leading complex projects, optimizing financial operations, implementing internal controls, and delivering IFRS/GAAP-compliant reporting with precision. Skilled in risk assessment, management reporting, and stakeholder engagement, driving operational efficiency and regulatory compliance while enhancing decision-making frameworks. Keenly committed to learning every day, constantly acquiring new knowledge, and staying ahead of evolving industry requirements and best practices.

Experience

Senior Group Reporting & Treasury Accountant (Manager band) – 05/2023 to 02/2026

ASB Bank Limited, Auckland, New Zealand

- Oversee the preparation and review of monthly, half-yearly, and annual statutory and regulatory disclosures under IFRS and GAAP, ensuring accurate accounting and reporting of treasury and financial markets instruments.
- Lead the Net Interest Income forecasting process three times per year, including presentations to senior management on results, key drivers, and operational impacts.
- Deliver comprehensive monthly management reports on P&L, balance sheet positions, KPIs, margin or cost improvement opportunities enabling data-driven strategic decisions.
- Develop papers and recommendations on complex financial models, coordinate validation processes, and implement process enhancements that reduced reporting error with impact of \$1million per month.
- Lead the interpretation, and ongoing application of complex IFRS standards across treasury and financial markets and group financial reporting.
- Lead and review the preparation of monthly BS13 liquidity returns to APRA, ensuring full compliance with liquidity risk rules and ensuring 100% regulatory accuracy.
- Conduct stress testing for the bank in accordance with Reserve Bank of New Zealand requirements.
- Co-ordinate with the external auditors for half yearly and annual audits, internal control evaluation, and walkthrough processes.
- Lead cross-functional collaboration for group financial reporting, integrating risk management, treasury operations, and performance reporting data to produce accurate, insightful IFRS-compliant statements.

Audit Manager – 08/2022 to 01/2023

KPMG, Bangalore, India

- Directed audit planning, risk assessments, and team supervision, ensuring 100% compliance with IFRS, GAAP, and regulatory standards.
- Researched complex accounting and auditing issues, providing timely expert consultations to clients, and resolving technical challenges with precision.
- Prepared comprehensive audit reports and internal control assessments post-partner review, integrating risk management, governance, and financial reporting best practices.
- Participated in client proposal presentations and onboarding for new retail engagements demonstrating negotiation and communication skills.

Finance Manager – 01/2021 to 08/2022

Sai Rehabilitation, Kochi, India

- Designed and implemented a robust internal control and risk management framework, including new ERP integration, improving operational efficiency, and mitigating key financial risks.
- Supervised a team of 4 accountants to deliver accurate monthly and annual financial statements compliant with GAAP/Accounting Standards, ensuring timely reporting and process standardization.
- Generated management review reports, operational analyses, and control efficiency dashboards using business intelligence and visualization tools, enhancing decision-making effectiveness.
- Co-ordinated with external auditors on statutory audits, finance related certifications and validation of the newly implemented ERP system's operational effectiveness and data accuracy.

Product Controller – Senior Analyst – 11/2019 to 01/2021

Barclays Investment Bank, Chennai, India

- Managed daily trading P&L statements and balance sheets, reconciling variances with trader expectations and enhancing accuracy.
- Validated complex accounting transactions in line with IFRS standards, providing expert judgment on the treatment of financial instruments and resolving intricate discrepancies.
- Streamlined foreign currency trading controls transferred from Singapore, establishing India-based end-to-end processes and operational governance.
- Implemented control and financial reporting frameworks for daily trading activities, ensuring compliance, reducing operational errors, and ensuring compliance with reporting standards.

Senior Consultant – External Audit – 04/2013 to 10/2019

Grant Thornton India LLP, Bangalore, India

- Executed comprehensive audits across multiple industries, including planning, substantive testing, and evaluation of results, ensuring compliance with accounting standards and regulatory requirements.
- Implemented internal financial controls (IFC) audits, documenting processes, identifying control gaps, and recommending mitigation strategies that improved compliance efficiency.
- Performed audits for SEBI-listed companies and conducted quarterly limited reviews, ensuring adherence to SEBI regulations and enhancing reporting accuracy.
- Collaborated with managers and partners to review audit findings, provide actionable insights, and support risk assessment and governance initiatives.
- Developed audit documentation and reports, integrating financial reporting standards, internal controls, and risk management practices to strengthen client assurance and audit quality.

Certificates & Courses

- **Chartered Financial Analyst** – In Progress
- **Chartered Accountant (CA)** – Institute of Chartered Accountants of India – 2018

Education

- **Bachelor of Commerce (Finance & Taxation)** – 2013 | M G University, India
- **Certificate of Higher Education: Commerce** – 2010 | Central Board of Secondary Education, India

Awards & Achievements

- **ASB CFO award for excellence- 2025**
- **Best Employee Award** – All India Employee Recognition Programme, Grant Thornton India LLP
- **Best Outgoing Undergraduate Student** – 2012-13
- **National Level Athlete & State Record Holder**

Skills & Expertise

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| • Financial Risk Assessment | • Advanced Excel & Data Analytics |
| • Audit Methodology Design | • IFRS Technical Advisory |
| • Financial Reporting & Management | • Stakeholder Management |
| • Strategic Leadership & Team Development | • Regulatory Compliance Expertise |
| • Business Communication & Negotiation | • Process Improvements and Transformation |
| • Critical Thinking & Decision-Making | • Financial modelling and stress testing |

Languages

English: Fluent | **Malayalam:** Native | **Tamil:** Native | **Hindi:** Fluent