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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Certified Internal Auditor with 8+ years of professional experience across internal audit, GRC, internal controls, risk assessment, and fraud investigation across F&B, shipping and commodities, logistics, IT, and healthcare, with early-career experience at Grant Thornton and EY Ford Rhodes. Built an internal audit function from a blank page (charter, methodology, risk-based annual plan, investigation protocol, continuous monitoring) as head of the newly created function reporting to the Managing Director, after two years in the group internal audit function of a UAE conglomerate spanning 12+ entities. Takes fraud and misconduct investigations to sustained findings while preserving independence and delivers advisory work under documented safeguards.

EXPERIENCE

Internal Auditor (head of function, reporting to the Owner)

May 2025 - Present

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- Build the internal audit function end-to-end (charter, methodology, risk-based annual plan, investigation protocol, reporting standards) and supervised a three-person compliance and documentation team (QC, outlet auditor, technical writer) supporting the function's monitoring and documentation programmes.
- Lead fraud and misconduct investigations to sustained findings with executive-endorsed remediation: cash-sale suppression, cash variances, unauthorised inventory use, food-safety breaches, misstated recipe costing.
- Delivered engagements across six cycles: accounts payable, procurement, inventory, roastery, central production, outlet operations, closing POS privilege gaps in discount, void, and waived-bill controls.
- Ran independent pre-opening and post-opening audit reviews across concurrent outlet projects.
- Assessed internal control design across operations and head-office functions (HR, Finance, Project Management, IT and others) against UAE regulatory requirements and the IIA Global Internal Audit Standards 2024, using population-based judgmental sampling to identify and report control observations to management.
- Advisory, under documented independence safeguards: authored 50+ controlled governance documents and designed a Remote Outlet Compliance Monitoring programme, 27-sub-category standards register, scope of work, CCTV review methodology.
- Deployed AI-enabled audit tooling, risk-assessment agent, audit command centre integrated with Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central, automated assurance-briefing pipelines.

Internal Auditor, Group Internal Audit

May 2023 - Apr 2025

Private UAE Group

- Delivered 14+ audit engagements across 12+ group entities in commodity trading (metals, oil, fuel), shipping and corporate functions, with reports issued to the board and management.
- Executed group-wide process audits over payment execution, bank reconciliation (five business units), inter-BU accounting, and cargo release, reporting delegated-authority breaches.
- Built the corporate fixed asset register to item level (previously only vessels, vehicles and similar major items were recognised; other capital purchases were expensed), with general-ledger tie-out and physical tagging across UAE and overseas offices; reviewed the full petty-cash population, including cash payroll.

Internal Auditor

Mar 2022 - Jan 2023

ARPATECH Pvt Ltd (IT services group; owner of Forrun Logistics and an e-commerce pharmacy)

- Conducted risk assessments and process reviews across Forrun Logistics, the e-commerce pharmacy and group functions; achieved 99% compliance with network-wide weighing-machine standards at Forrun.
- Supported the group in achieving ISACA's CMMI V2.0 Maturity Level 2 and ISO 18295 -1:2017 compliance, including review and enhancement of the Supplier Agreement Management policy; received a Certificate of Achievement for contribution to clearing the CMMI implementation audit.
- Reviewed petty cash reports from Forrun hubs across the country and advised directors on the way forward on findings.

Senior Officer, Internal Audit

Feb 2020 - Feb 2022

TCS Pvt Ltd

- Performed walkthroughs and control testing under annual risk-based audit plans; led a fraud investigation under the guidance of the Chief Audit Executive and recommended enhanced monitoring to deter recurrence.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Officer, Internal Audit TCS Pvt Ltd	Feb 2020 - Feb 2022
• Authored the whistle-blowing framework and policy and the Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies, adopted company-wide; prepared documents for director-level disciplinary hearings and board presentations as assigned.	
Assistant Manager, Internal Audit (joined as Internal Audit Officer; promoted Oct 2019) Chiniot General Hospital	Sep 2018 - Jan 2020
• Directed financial, operational and regulatory audits and investigated misuse of delegated authorities; authored the whistle-blowing framework and policy, the Incident Reporting Framework, and the Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies. • Prepared documents for director-level disciplinary hearings and board presentations as assigned; supervised deployment of an in-house inventory management system and optimised financial close, including general-ledger reconciliations.	
Audit Associate (contractual engagement) Grant Thornton Anjum Rahman	Nov 2017 - Jun 2018
• One month in external audit (petroleum transportation business), then moved to the internal audit practice at own request for the remainder of the engagement. • Internal audit of a media and IT company and outsourced internal audit of a greige fabric manufacturer; client names given at interview.	
GCR Executive, Tax (contractual engagement) EY Ford Rhodes Sidat Hyder	Jan 2017 - Jun 2017
• FATCA and OECD Common Reporting Standard compliance for a major UAE bank, based in Abu Dhabi for the project (Jan – Apr 2017). • Deployed in Karachi to a multinational consumer-health company and an FMCG group (accounts receivable); client names given at interview.	

EDUCATION

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) The Institute of Internal Auditors	2024
Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP) The Institute of Internal Auditors	2021
Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), UK	2016
Bachelor of Commerce (MoHESR Recognised) Dadabhoy Institute of Higher Education	2019

TECHNICAL SKILLS

IIA Global Internal Audit Standards 2024 · COSO Internal Control · risk and control matrices (RACM) · risk-based audit planning · fraud and misconduct investigation · investigation and report writing · workpaper review · finding-closure tracking · CAATs and data-driven auditing · continuous and remote compliance monitoring · AI-enabled audit automation · procure-to-pay · revenue assurance · inventory and wastage · fixed assets · bank reconciliation · petty cash and cash payroll · SAP · Oracle · Odoo · Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central · Foodics (POS) · Supy · GoAudits · Cropster

LANGUAGES

English (professional) · Urdu (native)