AHMED SHEHATA ALI

Finance Director | Financial Manager | Internal Audit & Governance

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Egyptian | Transferable residency (Iqama) | Available to join immediately

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Finance executive with more than 30 years of experience in financial management, accounting, internal audit, internal control and corporate governance within Saudi Arabia. Most recently led finance and internal audit for a contracting group and three subsidiaries (livestock import, marine transport and customs clearance), including all their branches. Proven record in fast and accurate period-end closings, Odoo ERP rollout across multiple companies, securing bank financing on favorable terms, and rebuilding finance structures for accuracy and speed. Combines hands-on technical strength (Excel, Power BI, SQL) with team leadership and executive decision support.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Speed and accuracy:** delivered daily operations and monthly, quarterly and year-end closings in exceptionally short turnaround times with consistently high accuracy.
- **ERP implementation:** implemented Odoo across four companies and all of their branches.
- **Bank financing:** secured bank financing facilities with strong terms and low financing cost.
- **Finance restructuring:** rebuilt the finance department structure and redistributed roles and responsibilities across head office and branches, improving accuracy and turnaround.
- **Performance analysis:** established periodic financial and data analysis tied to sales plans and financial reports to raise efficiency and productivity.
- **Built from scratch:** established and structured the full finance department at Al Gharbia Plastic Factory, with accounting policies, procedures and management reporting.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Financial Management & Leadership | Internal Audit & Governance | Internal Control Systems | Risk Management | Budgeting & Cost Control | Cash Flow Management | Financial Reporting (IFRS) | Financial Planning & Analysis | Bank Financing & Facilities | Financial Restructuring | Zakat & Tax Compliance | ERP Implementation (Odoo) | Team Leadership & Development | Data Analysis & BI

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance / Self-Employed
2026 – Present

Independent work. Available to join a full-time senior finance or internal audit role immediately, with no notice period.

Group Financial Manager & Internal Audit Manager
2021 – 2026

Al-Adaini Group — contracting parent company with three subsidiaries (livestock import, marine transport, customs clearance)

- Led finance, accounting and internal audit across four companies and all of their branches; managed a team of nine (an accounts manager, five accountants and three data-entry clerks).
- Delivered daily work and monthly, quarterly and annual closings in record time with consistently high accuracy.
- Implemented Odoo ERP across the four companies and all branches.
- Secured bank financing on favorable terms and low financing cost.
- Rebuilt the finance structure and defined clear tasks and responsibilities for the team at head office and branches.
- Performed regular financial and data analysis against sales plans and financial reports, supporting executive management with insights and recommendations.
- Strengthened internal control, governance and compliance, and oversaw internal audit activities.

Accounts Manager & Internal Control Manager
2008 – 2021

Al Gharbia Plastic Factory

- Established and structured the finance department from the ground up.
- Developed accounting policies and financial procedures.
- Implemented financial reporting systems and management reports.
- Improved team performance and operational efficiency.
- Strengthened internal control processes and compliance practices.

Senior Accountant / Deputy Finance Manager
1996 – 2007

Al-Mutabagani Agents & Marketers

- Managed accounting operations and month-end closing.
- Prepared financial statements and management reports.
- Supported budgeting, planning and audit functions.
- Assisted senior management in financial decision-making.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)
Ain Shams University, Egypt — 1993

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Advanced Accounting
- Financial Analysis
- Fixed Assets Analysis & Management

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Odoo ERP · Microsoft Office · Advanced Excel (Pivot Tables, Power Query) · Power BI · SQL · Financial Reporting & Analysis

LANGUAGES

Arabic — Native
English — Intermediate