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Summary

Versatile M&A deals and Strategy professional with 8+ years of experience across traditional and new-age sectors covering growth strategy, market entry, partnerships and acquisitions. Comfortable working with C-suite, leadership and extended stakeholders, managing cross-functional teams and critical timelines; project outcomes include strategic transformations and successful acquisitions serving both domestic and international firms.

Professional Experience

Manager, Deals | PricewaterhouseCoopers Services LLP [PwC India] | Mumbai

- Project Excellence: Managed end-to-end delivery of strategy, and 'buy-side' commercial due diligence (CDD) engagements for clients across sectors, ensuring project margins and commercials, quality, team deliverables, legal and risk compliance; earned repeat business and 10/10 CSAT on multiple occasions
- Business Development: Directed multiple proposals and project conversions and business development efforts
- **Team Leadership:** Managed diverse **high-performance teams**, and ensured professional development of analysts and consultants through regular feedback, periodical performance appraisals, and rewards
- Business Transformation & Implementation: Delivered a supply-chain transformation strategy (6months) for a leading consumer durables and appliances brand, followed by 'accelerated' implementation (+9months, Phase1);

 Led a team of 6-8 consultants to achieve an overall business restructuring and de-risking of 45%+ (company topline) in 9 months, by implementing a mix of 'catalogue-buying', strategic sourcing, and local assembly operations;

 Managed multiple stakeholders across product and NPD, marketing, sales, finance, and operations over project duration;

 Identified and evaluated 200+ vendors across industries (auto, electronics, durables) for potential partnerships;

 Designed and directed the end-to-end strategic sourcing process from RFQ to negotiations, contracting and onboarding
- Valuation and Strategic Sale: Led a team of 4-5 consultants to support a diversified Indian conglomerate with their global sports franchise portfolio strategy (IPL, w-IPL, + 5 others); delivered portfolio valuation inputs and future auction value estimates of BCCI media properties for the 2028-32 five-year cycle; received PwC award for delivering differentiated content, showcasing thought leadership and outstanding engagement quality
- Cross-Border Transactions: Led the commercial DD of a UK-based sports and hospitality assets (county cricket franchise, stadium, and '700-keys' 4-star hotel, golf course and spa); evaluated financial and commercial viability to support an Indian conglomerate's acquisition decision

 Led the commercial DD of an Indian specialty chemicals manufacturer and distributor; evaluated product portfolio,
 - pricing, and customer segmentation to support a leading **Japanese conglomerate** with their acquisition decision
- Market Entry and GTM: Crafted a go-to-market strategy for Nepal for a leading (Big-4) professional services firm for their advisory practices; estimated market size, evaluated potential partners and competition, and key customer segments and accounts, and presented findings to senior leadership
 - Designed the **India market entry** strategy for a leading **Australian University** for their UG & PG programs leveraging Indian student enrolment trends, supply and competitive benchmarking, and regulatory policy review
- **Distributor Diligence and Acquisition:** Led 2-4 consultants to support a leading **KSA conglomerate** with the commercial DD of an exclusive distributor [MENA region] of 'high-performance specialty coatings' (exclusive supplier to ARAMCO)
- **Vertical Integration:** Led 2-4 consultants to support a leading **Indian automotive manufacturer** with the commercial due-diligence (CDD) of their auto-component manufacturer-supplier as part of their vertical integration strategy
- Manufacturing Footprint Strategy: Led 2-4 consultants to support an auto-ancillary manufacturer with a manufacturing footprint strategy refresh

Manager – Consulting | Axience Consulting | Mumbai

- Corporate Finance: Led a team of 2-4 consultants to support a UK-based FTSE-listed fund with corporate finance and sell-side advisory support [capital raise, MIS, reporting, stat-audit] for their India portfolio comprising logistics asset and renewable energy assets, representing portfolio companies during due-diligence and deal negotiations
- **Business Development:** Supported in the **bid and win** for an 8-month 'on-site' engagement to support one of the largest Islamic banking operations in the world with their **digital transformation** initiatives

Assistant Manager – M&A, Strategy | Allcargo Logistics Limited | Mumbai

- Corporate Development: Integral part of a three member M&A and Strategy team (Chairman's Office) tasked with the responsibility to drive overall group revenue and earnings via inorganic growth, strategic partnerships, and divestments Supported in the internal strategy development for short-term and long-term growth of the overall group and its business units, internal reporting and communication to the board of directors, Chairman and MD, and leadership teams; Supported in the internal evaluation of growth avenues and strategic alliances, and pre-deal diligence of acquisition targets
- Acquisition Listed Company: Supported in the transaction management, due-diligence, and acquisition of a leading
 public-listed logistics company, enabling surface and express logistics operations, creating an integrated and multi-modal
 logistics offering for customers

- Acquisition Bid Listed Company: Supported in the transaction management, due-diligence, synergy assessment, and consideration bid for a leading public-listed container train operator (CTO business for CTO+CFS+ICD+CL positioning) in line with the strategy of being an end-to-end, multi-modal, integrated logistics solution in the market
- **Business and Capacity Growth:** Supported in the transaction management, due-diligence, and acquisition of a leading JNPT-based CFS to **augment core business** capacity and capabilities
- Strategic Alliances and Carve-outs: Supported in the investment pitch and invitations to strategic partners and sponsors for then proposed restructured business units and carve-outs; scouted for acquisition and alliance opportunities across air, rail, and surface freight by liaising with investment bankers and target companies

Associate Consultant – Financial Investors Group | Praxis Global Alliance | Mumbai

- **Strategy & Commercial Due-Diligence:** Integral member of the firms Strategy and Commercial Due-Diligence (CDD) engagements for **marquee VC/PE funds** focused on ecommerce, consumer-internet and technology investments
- Consumer-Internet and Tech: Supported in the commercial due-diligence (CDD) of India's leading ed-tech company for leading global fund;
 - a leading omni-channel home improvement and furniture e-retailer for a leading global fund;
 - a leading **B2B online travel** consolidator (flights + hotels) for a leading global fund;
 - a leading B2B+B2C online travel aggregator or OTA for a leading hotels aggregator
- Healthcare and Pharma: Commercial due-diligence (CDD) of a leading omni-channel pharmacy for a global fund
- Consumer and Durables: Commercial due-diligence (CDD) of a leading milk additives manufacturer for a global fund; and an energy and utilities consulting company for a large global fund; an 'outside-in' market diligence of Indian storage batteries market
- Category Strategy and Market Entry: Supported in the 'outside-in' India market strategy review based on 180+ unique stakeholder interactions and assessment for a leading global cloud-CRM company;
 - supported in the identification and prioritization of **business adjacencies and global expansion** opportunities for a leading global **hotels aggregator**;
 - Supported in the **productivity enhancement strategy** for a global **recruitment advisory** firm based on stakeholder interactions and time-motion studies;
 - Supported in the 'grocery' category strategy for a leading e-retailer

Assistant Manager - Consulting | Liases Foras Real Estate Rating and Research | Mumbai

- Real Estate Business Advisory and Spatial Intelligence: Manage a team of analysts, data engineers and GIS specialists to formulate and deliver real estate advisory solutions for financial institutions (retail banks, PE funds), government agencies, and real estate developers;
 - Led a team of associates to support real estate developers with market entry, pricing strategy. commercial and retail feasibility, best-use, affordable housing and residential development strategy studies
- **Big Data Analytics:** Supported in the research and delivery of commercial feasibility assessment based on >1Million property transaction data for a leading Indian commercial RE developer;
 - Supported in the research and delivery of pure rental residential project feasibility assessment based on >10Million rental transaction data sets for a leading Indian real estate developer
 - Supported in the **land acquisition and compensation** assessment for State of Maharashtra and Maharashtra Road Development Authority (Nagpur-Mumbai Expressway)

Education

M. Plan - Centre for Environment Planning and Technology CEPT, Ahmedabad | India

B. Tech - National Institute of Technology NIT, Nagpur | India

Accomplishments

- Awarded the PwC 'Above and Beyond' Award [2023] for delivering differentiated content showcasing thought leadership and delivering outstanding engagement quality (broadcasting and IPL franchise value)
- Awarded a one-week international management development program with 50+ PwC international nominees [2024]

Certifications

• Lean Six Sigma Green Belt by KPMG

Co & Extra-Curriculars

- Finalist at IIM Ahmedabad Institute-level marketing case competition (Mar-Quest, 2024)
- Keen interest in animal welfare; care-giver to one majestic canine and aspire to own and manage a farm one day
- Won First and Third Place in VNIT Institute-level Football Tournament and Band Contest respectively
- Represented HFHS and secured First Place in District-level Football Tournament, represented Bombay Scottish School in State-level Football Tournament