




ANTHONY STRAUGHAN

Accounts Receivable & Payable Specialist | GCC-Ready

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PROFILE SUMMARY

Finance professional with over 7 years of experience in accounts receivable, accounts payable, and credit control across the UK and international markets. Proven ability to manage high-volume ledgers, streamline financial operations, and reduce aged debt through efficient cash flow forecasting, stakeholder engagement, and systems optimisation.

Currently advancing my technical expertise through professional training in UAE Corporate Tax, GCC VAT, Excel for Finance, and Zoho Books. Seeking a permanent opportunity in the GCC region where I can apply my skills and contribute to financial stability and growth in a tax-evolving landscape.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- AR/AP Reconciliation & Ledger Management
- GCC VAT & UAE Corporate Tax (In Progress)
- Credit Control & Debt Recovery
- ERP Systems: SAP, Oracle, Sage, NetSuite, Zoho
- Bank Reconciliation | Payment Runs | P2P & O2C
- Financial Reporting | Cash Allocation | SLA Compliance
- Client Relationship Management | Credit Risk Assessment

EXPERIENCE

Credit Control Analyst

Dycem Ltd | Jul 2025 – Present

- Managing end-to-end AR processes across UK and Germany.
- Posting multi-currency payments.
- Supporting month-end and improving ledger accuracy and processes.

Senior Accounts Receivable Analyst

SmithCorp | May 2024 – May 2025

- Managed 125+ client accounts across three brands.
- Delivered aged debt analysis, improved collections, and minimised risk.
- Optimised credit processes, enhancing team efficiency and compliance.
- Reducing processing errors by 20%

Career Break – GCC Research & Development

Middle East / Asia | Apr 2023 – May 2024

- Conducted self-directed travel across GCC for cultural and business insight.
- Engaged with finance professionals to understand regional market demands.

Senior Accounts Payable Analyst

Yugo (formerly GSA) | Oct 2021 – Mar 2023

- Managed P2P cycles and payment runs across 3 countries (UK, Germany, Dubai)
- Processed high volumes of supplier payments and staff expenses under strict SLAs.
- Performed complex reconciliations and trained junior staff.

Senior Credit Controller

Teleperformance UK | Apr 2021 – Oct 2021

- Oversaw AR ledgers, led weekly debt review meetings, and produced risk reports.
- Reduced overdue accounts by 18% within six months.

Accounts Receivable

Eydn Group | Feb 2021 – Apr 2021

- Led debt reporting and WIP management to improve reporting accuracy.
- Assisted management accountants and receivable manager with month end duties

Event Management Specialist

Imani Suites | Jan 2020 – Dec 2020

- Led event strategy and stakeholder coordination, strengthening client engagement
- Negotiated brand deals, ran social media campaigns, held team meetings to determine timeline

Senior Accounts Payable Analyst

Mitie Group | Mar 2019 – Nov 2019

- Mentored new staff, managed supplier reconciliations, and improved payment accuracy.
- Manage supplier accounts ranging from £15k — £1M, frequently hit KPI's

Accounts Payable Clerk

Soil Association | Dec 2018 – Mar 2019

- Provided cash allocation and reconciliation support, managed an aged debt ledger for the UK
- Attend to admin and daily duties, including mailbox and payment allocations.

Credit Control Analyst

Tribal Education | Oct 2016 – Dec 2018

- Managed collections across EMEA, posted journals, reconcile receipts and maintained account histories.
- Prepare and distribute monthly statements, Manage multiple customer mailboxes

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

-  Filton College – Associate Degree: Media & Film Studies (2005–2006)
-  Soundwell College – Associate Degree: Music Technology (2004–2005)
-  Lynchpin Training Institute (In Progress): UAE Corporate Tax, GCC VAT, Zoho Books Accounting
-  Hayford Learning (Planned): Certified Accounts Payable Practitioner (CAPP)

CAREER GOAL

To secure a full-time Accounts Receivable/Payable Specialist or Tax Coordinator position in a GCC-based organisation (UAE or KSA), where I can apply my finance background, regional tax training, and system expertise to contribute to operational excellence and financial compliance.