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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign – Gies College of Business

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Urbana, Champaign

Jan 2024 – Mar 2026

- Cumulative GPA: 3.85/4.0
- Relevant Coursework: Corporate Finance, Operations Management, Cost Accounting, Statistics, Money and Banking, AI

University of Montenegro

Bachelor in Hotel Management

Kotor, Montenegro

Jan 2004 – May 2008

- Cumulative GPA: 3.0/4.0
- Relevant Coursework: Front Office operations, Food and Beverage management, Housekeeping, and Event Planning

WORK EXPERIENCE

Virgin Voyages – United States

Chief Financial Accountant / Corporate Project Associate

Onboard the vessel

Sep 2022 – Current

- Lead financial operations onboard, overseeing accounting, inventory, and payroll audits across casino and concessionary departments generating \$20M+ in annual revenue
- Administered treasury operations including \$1.2M+ in onboard cash flow, weekly ATM reconciliations, while enforcing company cash balance policies and financial controls standards
- Reconciled 3 API systems (MXP, Citrix, and Seaware), optimizing reporting workflows and reducing transaction errors by 15%, enhancing transparency and audit readiness
- Produced Confidential Information Memorandums (CIMs) and investor pitch decks for 2 M&A initiatives, strengthening executive decision-making

Virgin Voyages – United States

Financial | Auditing | Revenue Manager

Onboard the vessel

Jun 2021 – Aug 2022

- Reconciled \$200K–\$300K in daily revenue between POS and MXP systems, ensuring 100% accuracy of revenue postings, payment settlements and credit card transactions
- Compiled daily and weekly revenue and tax reports for Corporate Treasury and Finance teams, ensuring compliance with U.S. and international tax regulations across multiple jurisdictions
- Led bi-weekly audit reviews to identify onboard credit leakages and implemented pricing adjustments, improving annual department profitability by 7% and reducing revenue discrepancies by 10%
- Trained and supervised a team of 13 help desk staff in accounting controls, cash management, and system reporting, enhancing operational efficiency and financial accuracy

LEADERSHIP

Virgin Voyages & Princess Cruises management team

Finance Manager / Chief Financial Accountant

Onboard the vessels

Oct 2013 – Current

- Supervised multicultural finance and hospitality teams of 15+ members across multiple cruise lines, ensuring operational excellence and full compliance with company policies and audit procedures
- Surpassed annual budget and profit targets by around 7%, optimizing audit processes and benchmarking vessel performance through data-driven reporting
- Proposed and implemented inventory and pricing process improvements such as data-driven SKU performance analysis and demand-based pricing adjustments resulting in measurable revenue gains and margin enhancement across onboard retail operations

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Skills: Fluent in Spanish and Italian

Modeling: Financial modelling (DCF)

Computer: Proficient in MS Office, Advanced Excel

Certifications: Google Project Management, Business and Financial Modeling (UPenn and Kaplan), Google Data Analytics

Interests: Nature walks (5k-7k daily), Sci-Fi movies, history documentaries/podcasts