CRISTIAN UKANWA, CPA

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SUMMARY

Strategic finance professional with 5+ years of experience in financial analysis, reporting, and forecasting. CPA with MBA from Cornell University and strong expertise in budgeting, 3-statement modeling, and KPI development. Experienced in translating financial data into forward-looking insights that support executive decision-making and business performance optimization.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UKANWA CPA (BUILDING STAGE) **Morgan Hill, CA**

Founder, CEO **2025 – Present**

- Built a California-based tax and advisory CPA firm focused on real estate and technology clients, with services spanning tax, accounting advisory, CFO advisory, and financial analysis.
- Developing advisory capabilities in financial modeling, valuation, cash flow analysis, financial reporting, and business performance assessment.
- Conducting tax and financial research to evaluate client-specific scenarios and support data-driven financial and strategic decision-making.

VOSYN **Remote**

Finance MBA Summer Internship – Finance Deputy Team Lead **05/2024 - 08/2024**

- Co-led the management of 24+ interns to ensure the continued productivity and execution of the finance department
- Built and deployed a simplified three-statement financial model to evaluate revenue growth, operating leverage, and capital requirements for potential investors
- Conducted valuation analyses utilizing financial ratios and performance metrics to assess company-specific financial strengths, weaknesses, and underlying performance
- Developed forward-looking revenue and expense forecasts to support strategic planning and financial decision-making
- Partnered with cross-functional teams to define KPIs and improve financial reporting visibility
- Led budgeting and cost allocation initiatives across three finance verticals, improving financial analysis and decision-making clarity

SENSIBA LLP **Morgan Hill, CA**

Senior Tax Associate **2019 - 2023**

- Analyzed 100+ client financial statements to identify profitability drivers, assess financial performance, and evaluate entity-level cash flow strategies.
- Prepared tax returns and analyzed financial information for businesses across manufacturing, nonprofit, agriculture, technology, estate and trust, high-net-worth individual, and real estate engagements.
- Conducted tax law research across various jurisdictions and complex client scenarios, including matters involving high-net-worth individuals and alimony payments resulting from divorce proceedings.
- Developed forward-looking tax and cash flow projections to assess client liquidity and improve quarterly forecasting accuracy.
- Reviewed and adjusted financial statements to identify discrepancies, improve reporting accuracy, and support executive decision-making.

CLEARSTONE **Morgan Hill, CA**

Bookkeeper **2018 - 2019**

- Prepared monthly financial statements and account reconciliations to support accurate financial reporting.
- Analyzed revenue and expense trends to provide business owners with operational and strategic financial insights.
- Developed multi-year financial forecasts and cash flow projections to evaluate expansion and capital planning decisions.

EDUCATION

CFA PROGRAM **Morgan Hill, CA**

Relevant coursework: Portfolio Management, Quantitative Methods, Economics, Corporate Issuers, Equity Investments, Fixed Income, Derivatives, Alternative Investments **2025-Present**

CORNELL SC JOHNSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS **Ithaca, NY**
Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Finance, Minor in Real Estate **2025**
Scholarships: Cornell MBA merit-based Scholarship, Cornell MBA in Real Estate Scholarship,
CFA Institute Student Scholarship, HSF Scholarship (Merit based scholarship given to high achieving Hispanic students),
Relevant coursework: Financial Modeling, Corporate Finance, Financial Analysis, Valuations

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE **Riverside, CA**
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting **2018**
Relevant coursework: Audit, Financial Evaluation and Managerial Analysis, Accounting, Tax

LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATION

Associate Real Estate Council **2023 - 2024**
VP of Communications
- Communicate club messages to 40+ club members.
- Create polls regarding important club decisions

Other affiliations: Old Ezra Finance Club; Johnson Private Equity & Credit Club **2023 - 2024**

SKILLS & INTEREST

Language: Native English Speaker
Technical Skills: Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, QuickBooks, ProSystemfx Tax, CoStar, ARGUS
Financial & Analytical Skills: Financial Statement Analysis, Valuation, Financial Modeling, Three-Statement Modeling, Forecasting, Cash Flow Analysis, Financial Reporting, Tax Research, KPI Analysis

CERTIFICATION

Certified Public Accountant (CPA), California — License No. 145325
CFA Program (Passed Level I) — CFA Institute, January 2026