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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

CFA charterholder and finance manager with 12 years in FP&A and corporate development for manufacturing and distribution companies. Leads planning teams, builds capital allocation frameworks and advises executives on pricing, acquisitions and investment. Known for forecasts leadership trusts and analysis that ends debates rather than starting them.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Manager, FP&A

Mar 2021 — Present

Lakefront Industrial Supply · Chicago, IL

- Lead a team of five analysts producing the annual plan, quarterly reforecasts and monthly business reviews for a multi-division distributor.
- Moved planning from linked spreadsheets to Anaplan, cutting the budget cycle by three weeks and giving division leaders self-service views.
- Built the capital allocation scorecard used for all projects above $250,000, ranking requests on return, risk and strategic fit.
- Led valuation and integration planning for two bolt-on acquisitions, including synergy tracking reported to the board each quarter.

Finance Manager

Jun 2017 — Feb 2021

Prairie Forge Components · Milwaukee, WI

- Ran product line profitability analysis that led to price increases on low-margin SKUs and the exit of an unprofitable product family.
- Introduced a 13-week cash forecast during a supply shock, giving treasury early warning on inventory build and helping avoid drawing on the credit line.
- Partnered with plant leadership on standard cost resets and labor efficiency reporting across three facilities.

Financial Analyst

Jul 2014 — May 2017

Westlake Packaging Group · Chicago, IL

- Prepared monthly variance analysis and forecasts for two plants, reconciling standard cost results with the general ledger.
- Modeled a warehouse consolidation that leadership approved and later completed within the projected budget.

EDUCATION

MBA, Finance — Lakeshore Graduate School of Management *2017*

BS, Accounting — Midwest Prairie University *2014*

SKILLS

Technical: Strategic planning, Capital allocation, M&A valuation, Long-range planning, Scenario modeling, Anaplan, SAP, Power BI, SQL, Executive reporting, Team leadership, Working capital

Certifications: CFA Charterholder