

JUDIT FARAGO

Senior Accountant

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PROFILE

Senior Accountant with more than ten years of finance experience, progressing from operational and cost management roles into accounts payable, multi-entity accounting, period close and reporting. Works across reconciliations, variance and profitability analysis, finance systems and process improvement. Uses Microsoft Copilot and Claude as reviewed working aids.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Accountant

Jul 2026 to Aug 2026

River Advice, Basel, Switzerland

- Worked across general ledger, subledgers, fixed assets and period-end accruals.
- Supported monthly, quarterly and year-end close work under Swiss OR and Swiss GAAP FER.
- Supported audit preparation and worked with external auditors.
- Produced ad hoc finance reports and supported payment processing.
- Used Claude as a working aid and reviewed its output before use.

CAREER CONTEXT During probation, Judit and River Advice agreed that a German-first working environment was not the right long-term fit, and they concluded the role early. Judit is now focusing on international finance teams where English is the primary working language.

Accountant

Jan 2025 to Jun 2026

Viking, Basel, Switzerland

- Supported month-end and year-end close through journal entries, accruals, reconciliations and financial statement preparation.
- Analyzed actual results against prior periods, budgets and forecasts, and prepared variance reporting for senior stakeholders.
- Prepared cost and profitability analyses to support business decisions across teams.
- Prepared audit documentation and reconciliations, and supported D365, reporting UAT and finance-process improvement.

Junior Accountant

Jan 2023 to Dec 2024

Viking, Basel, Switzerland

- Performed multi-entity journal entries, account reconciliations and bank reconciliations.
- Supported accounts payable payments, invoice posting and approval workflows, and resolved process and system questions.
- Processed intercompany postings and coordinated discrepancy resolution across departments.

Accounts Payable Manager

May 2022 to Dec 2022

Viking, Basel, Switzerland

- Managed invoice booking, payment runs and vendor account maintenance.
- Contributed to improving and automating accounts payable workflows and supported colleagues on updated processes.
- Reviewed VAT calculations for invoice accuracy and compliance.

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

Cost Manager

Mar 2019 to Apr 2022

Viking, Basel, Switzerland

- Developed and maintained shore-excursion cost structures and updated pricing models each season.
- Used Power BI to analyze cost and profitability and inform pricing and vendor-selection decisions.
- Forecasted and budgeted costs and pre-ordered services using projected demand and historical trends.
- Managed purchase orders, invoice discrepancies and vendor communication on costs and contract terms.

Guest Service Manager

Mar 2015 to Nov 2018

Sea Chefs River Cruises and Viking River Cruises, European River Operations

- Ran weekly and monthly onboard financial closings, balanced cash and purchase accounts, and managed requisitions and front-office purchasing.
- Oversaw billing, payment processing and hotel-supply inventory across vessels and seasons.

SKILLS AND SYSTEMS

AREA	CAPABILITIES
Analysis	Advanced Excel: XLOOKUP, SUMIFS, INDEX/MATCH, PivotTables and financial modelling; Power BI cost and profitability analysis; budgets, forecasts and variance analysis
Finance systems	SAP SuccessFactors; SAP Business One; LucaNet; Microsoft Dynamics 365; OneStream; ExFlow; Microsoft 365
Process and controls	Power Automate; user acceptance testing; Jira; Swiss OR and Swiss GAAP FER; IFRS; SOX control documentation; audit coordination
AI tools and methods	Microsoft Copilot; Claude by Anthropic; prompt engineering; task-specific Markdown instructions; repeatable AI assistants; connected AI workspaces; human review

EDUCATION

Finance and Accounting studies: University of Debrecen, Faculty of Economics and Business, Hungary, 2014. Coursework included finance management, taxation, accounting, statistics, banking and credit assessment.

LANGUAGES

Languages: Hungarian: Native; English: Full professional proficiency; German: B1 current / A2 certified