

Finance Director
Location: Battersea, London

Competitive Salary plus Company performance-related bonus, healthcare insurance & wellbeing benefits.

Exciting opportunity for a self-motivated, hands-on and commercially driven senior finance executive with strong communication and collaboration skills to lead our Finance function and contribute at Board level.

About Company

Liv-ex is the global marketplace for the wine trade, with over 480 members worldwide. We offer B2B services that span trading, data, logistics and technology to a diverse group of wine businesses – from ambitious start-ups to established merchants.

Our goal is to make fine wine trading more transparent, efficient and safe for the benefit of our members and the market as a whole. We are hard-working, committed yet informal, energetic and action oriented.

Founded in 2000, Liv-ex has grown to serve a growing number of merchant members with a broadening range of services. We help clients and other stakeholders to better understand the fine wine market and identify opportunities to profit.

Summary Purpose

Liv-ex is looking for an inquisitive, hands-on and commercial Finance Director to work closely with the MD and the executive team to drive growth and profitability. The ideal candidate will be a strong communicator who wants to gain an in-depth understanding of the business operations and key value-drivers. They will oversee all financial activity, being responsible for the integrity of the numbers, and the preparation of accurate financial reports and forecasts for future business growth.

Role Responsibilities

- To direct and oversee all financial activity, including the preparation of accurate financial reports and forecasts for future business growth.
- To communicate key financial and non-financial data to the executive team to inform commercial decision making and drive business performance
- To report to the Board on matters relating to audit, risk and company performance against budget.
- To work closely with key stakeholders to ensure compliance with all financial, regulatory, legal and contractual requirements.

- To work with the executive team in the ongoing development of business KPIs, managing costs and automating admin processes
- To ensure all appropriate financial controls exist across the business and provide clear leadership and direction to the Finance team by setting clear objectives and targets
- To manage financial, operational and legal risk within the business effectively
- To oversee property acquisition and human resources
- To manage international tax and treasury for the business as appropriate
- To mentor and develop the accounts team

Knowledge, Skills & Experience

- Solid experience and training within a top 10 accountancy firm
- A strong track record of driving sustained growth in an SME environment
- A desire and capability to broaden the finance remit and actively engage across the business
- Be hands on, flexible with a proactive drive to succeed
- Proven commercial acumen to be able to support the Managing Director in the running of the business and developing strategy
- Strong communication and management skills to develop the broader team and relationships with shareholders and other external stakeholders

Essential

- A deep interest in business and how they really work
- Clear understanding of key business value drivers
- Proven analytical and financial modelling capability
- Demonstrable experience in the development and application of KPIs
- Excellent financial and management reporting skills
- A strong operational understanding
- Solid technical accounting and tax skills
- Good cash and treasury management skills
- A good track record of managing and developing people

Nice to have

- French as a second language
- Experience in automating/ streamlining admin process
- Establishing new companies and fiscal responsibilities in overseas markets
- Experience in M&A transaction/ fund raising environment

Attributes:

- Decisive and robust - able to take ownership and drive decision making at Board level.
- Commercial and practical, with an entrepreneurial streak.
- Strong communicator at all levels, a real team player – able to build productive and effective working relationships with customers, owners and the broader team.
- A good influencer and diplomat with high levels of emotional intelligence, able to build strong and productive working relationships with a broad variety of stakeholders.
- Committed and hardworking, driven to succeed.

To apply, please send a copy of your CV plus a short expression of interest to Anna Cornwallis at anna.cornwallis@strattonhr.co.uk.