

Ankur Patel, CPA

Ankur is a Certified Public Accountant with more than 20 years of experience leading financial strategy, reporting, and system optimization for multi-entity organizations across both public and private sectors. His background spans Big Four audit, public company reporting, and senior controller roles, with deep expertise in technical accounting, internal controls, and operational finance. He has supported companies from early-stage startups through \$1B+ enterprises, with a track record of improving close efficiency, managing complex system implementations, and executing accounting integrations for major acquisitions.

Credentials & Expertise

Expertise

- ◆ Sarbanes-Oxley, U.S. GAAP and SEC
- ◆ Revenue Recognition (ASC 606)
- ◆ Lease Accounting (ASC 842)
- ◆ Business Combinations (ASC 805)
- ◆ Internal Controls
- ◆ Mergers & Acquisitions
- ◆ Multi-Entity Consolidation
- ◆ Financial Reporting
- ◆ Budgeting
- ◆ System Implementation / ERP

Highlights

- ◆ **Liberated Brands**, Global Controller
- ◆ **UFC Gym**, Controller
- ◆ **BJ's Restaurants, Inc.**, Accounting Manager / Supervisor
- ◆ **KPMG**, Audit Senior

Industries

- ◆ Retail & Consumer Products
- ◆ Restaurants & Hospitality
- ◆ Apparel & Lifestyle Brands
- ◆ Financial Services

Education

- ◆ **BA in Business Economics; Minor: Accounting**
University of California, Los Angeles

Achievements

- ◆ Orchestrated the accounting integration of a \$500M+ acquisition and implemented ASC 606, 805, and 842 across a global infrastructure supporting seven brands.
- ◆ Improved financial reporting timeliness by 50% and accelerated audit readiness by four weeks at UFC Gym by reducing the month-end close cycle by 10 days through process redesign.
- ◆ Managed treasury operations across 30+ bank accounts and six legal entities, improving cash flow forecasting accuracy by 30%.
- ◆ Managed accounting for 170+ corporate restaurant locations supporting a \$900M+ public company, including quarterly and annual audit coordination under GAAP and SOX.

Associations & Certifications

- ◆ Certified Public Accountant (CPA), California
- ◆ American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)

Technical Proficiency

- ◆ Microsoft Dynamics GP & SL
- ◆ JDE
- ◆ Lawson
- ◆ Full Circle
- ◆ Microsoft Excel (Advanced)
- ◆ Power BI

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Experience



Liberated Brands ♦ Global Controller – 2022 to 2025

- ♦ Led financial operations for a \$1B+ global apparel company, overseeing general ledger, AR/AP, and financial reporting across seven brands including Volcom, Billabong, RVCA, and Quiksilver.
- ♦ Orchestrated accounting integration of a \$500M+ acquisition and implemented ASC 606, 805, and 842 across global infrastructure.
- ♦ Directed month-end close and financial reporting enhancements, improving timeliness and operational efficiency by 20%.
- ♦ Managed treasury operations spanning 30+ bank accounts and six legal entities, improving cash flow forecasting accuracy by 30%.
- ♦ Served as finance lead on system implementations, driving scalability and process automation initiatives.



UFC Gym ♦ Controller – 2020 to 2022; Accounting Manager / Asst Controller – 2017 to 2018

- ♦ Oversaw General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Franchise, and Treasury accounting for a VC-backed fitness company with corporate and franchise operations.
- ♦ Improved reporting timeliness by 50% and accelerated audit readiness by four weeks through process redesign, reducing the month-end close cycle by 10 days.
- ♦ Delivered strategic financial reporting and forecasting to executive leadership and investors, including EBITDA analysis, cap tables, and debt management.
- ♦ Led cloud-based ERP transition, enhancing reporting accuracy and multi-location data access.



Chihuahua Brewing Company ♦ Senior Accounting Manager – 2018 to 2020

- ♦ Directed all accounting, reporting, and budgeting for a startup brewery with retail and restaurant operations.
- ♦ Established internal controls and financial systems, enabling sustainable business scaling.
- ♦ Streamlined vendor payment cycles and inventory costing, improving working capital management.
- ♦ Supported external fundraising efforts with timely financial data and forecasts.



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BJ's Restaurants, Inc. ♦ Senior Accountant / Accounting Supervisor / Accounting Manager – 2012 to 2017

- ♦ Managed accounting for 170+ corporate-owned restaurant locations and supported financial reporting for a \$900M+ public company.
- ♦ Led period-end closes and coordinated quarterly and annual internal and external audits in accordance with GAAP and SOX.
- ♦ Worked cross-functionally with FP&A and operations to reconcile store-level performance with financial results.
- ♦ Developed and mentored a team of accountants, enhancing departmental productivity and knowledge transfer.

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Pacific Sunwear ♦ Senior Accountant - 2010 to 2012

- ♦ Prepared financial statements, journal entries, and reconciliations for a national retail chain.
- ♦ Supported SEC reporting efforts and collaborated with auditors on quarterly close deliverables.
- ♦ Improved fixed asset tracking and lease accounting accuracy in compliance with evolving GAAP standards.



KPMG, LLP ♦ Audit Senior - 2006 to 2010

- ♦ Led audit engagements for public and private clients across multiple industries, including financial services, retail, and consumer products.
- ♦ Managed audit teams, reviewed workpapers, mentored staff, and ensured engagement timelines and quality standards were met.
- ♦ Coordinated with clients on internal control documentation and compliance with regulatory filing requirements.

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