

Essentiel Antwerp – Credit Accountant

Introduction

Essentiel Antwerp is a global contemporary brand from Antwerp, synonymous with positive energy.

Dedicated to fierce, fabulous and fun-loving individuals, the label brings mood-boosting fashion that lifts the spirits.

We are representative in more than 40 countries, with approximately 40 retail stores. Each store embodies our distinctive brand identity and is strategically located in prime locations. With a presence in over 750 doors and selected department stores, we have built a qualitative global wholesale distribution.

Essentiel Antwerp stands for more than fashion, it stands for a state of being. Authenticity is at the heart of the company. With a continuous desire for growth, the brand is always on the lookout for the next move.

Behind our colourful creations stands a strong HQ team that ensures everything runs smoothly, from creative spark to financial backbone. To strengthen our Finance team at our HQ, we are looking for a **Credit Accountant** who combines financial accuracy with a hands-on, people-oriented mindset.

Your Role

As Credit Accountant, you play a key role in safeguarding healthy cash flow while maintaining strong relationships with our customers and internal stakeholders. You balance analytical precision with proactive follow-up, and you enjoy working in a dynamic, international environment where collaboration and continuous improvement are key.

Your Responsibilities

Credit Management

- Daily processing and booking of bank statements and factoring transactions (Belgium & international), ensuring correct matching with outstanding invoices.
- Proactive follow-up of open customer balances via email and phone, with a strong focus on timely payments and DSO reduction.
- Sending payment reminders according to defined procedures and escalating overdue payments in close collaboration with Sales, Dispatch and Customer Service.
- Daily monitoring of customers exceeding credit limits and taking appropriate actions (delivery blocks, escalation to Sales).
- Acting as the first point of contact for the credit insurer (e.g. Atradius), including applications and follow-up of claims in case of non-payment.
- Monitoring invoices submitted to the factoring company and proactively aligning on processing, payments and technical issues.
- Processing and following up on exceptional payment methods such as international cheques.
- Managing the AR mailbox and answering customer questions regarding invoices, payments and disputes.
- Identifying recurring issues (e.g. invoicing errors, disputes, inefficient processes) and proposing concrete improvement actions.
- Actively contributing to the automation and optimisation of AR processes and tools.

Accounting Support

- Preparing payment files in the ERP system.
- Creating and maintaining accurate customer and supplier master data (VAT details, bank accounts, addresses, credit limits).
- Supporting the accounting team with daily tasks such as booking purchase invoices, processing expense reports and other administrative duties.

Who You Are

- You hold a **Bachelor or Master's degree** in Accounting, Finance or a similar field.
- You have a first relevant experience as a Credit Accountant or in a similar AR/accounting role.
- You work accurately and structured, with a sharp eye for detail.
- You are proactive, communicative and not afraid to follow up by phone or email.
- You enjoy working cross-functionally and know how to build constructive relationships with both internal teams and external partners.
- Knowledge of **Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central** is a plus.
- You are fluent in **English**; knowledge of **Dutch and/or French** is an asset.

What We Offer

- A **full-time position** at the colourful HQ of Essentiel Antwerp.
- A dynamic, international and creative work environment where entrepreneurship is encouraged.
- The opportunity to grow and develop your skills within Finance, with real **career progression possibilities**.
- A competitive salary package complemented by attractive benefits.
- A warm, inclusive company culture with an eye for people, creativity and fun – because working hard can (and should) go hand in hand with enjoying the ride.

Ready to add your financial flair to Essentiel Antwerp? We would love to hear from you.

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