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Case Study

How a Mid-Sized US CPA Firm Reduced Overhead by 40%

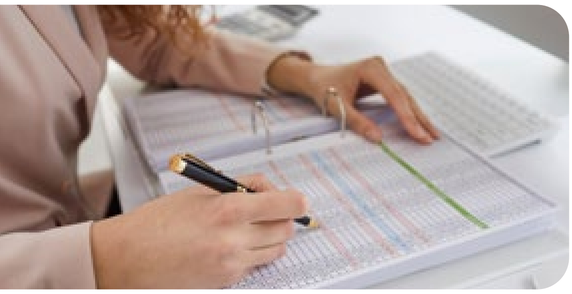
with Datamatics Outsourcing

Company: Mid-Sized US CPA & Advisory Firm

Geography: United States (Texas & California)

Industry: Public Accounting & Tax Services

Problem Statement



Our client, a rapidly growing 40-partner CPA firm with offices in Texas and California, was battling high fixed overhead costs driven by in-house staff handling routine compliance and bookkeeping tasks. The firm was struggling with three primary challenges that were hindering its scalability and profitability:

High Fixed Labor Costs with Low Utilization during Off-Peak Periods

The client maintains a large in-house team for tax and bookkeeping compliance, resulting in significant payroll obligations even during slower business periods. Seasonal demand fluctuations led to high utilization in Q1 and Q4, but staff underutilization in Q2 and Q3 resulted in wasted operational capacity.

Commodity Work Consuming Partner Time & Billable Capacity

Nearly 40-45% of the partner's billable hours for the client were spent on low-margin bookkeeping, tax preparation, and reconciliation work. As a result, the partners were unable to focus on delivering high-value advisory services (business planning, CFO services, M&A tax support), where profit margins are 3–4x higher.

Inconsistent Quality and Turnaround Times

Manual processes, inconsistent client documentation, and distributed workflows across two offices led to duplicated effort, inconsistent quality, and delayed client deliverables. Rework and client revisions were eroding profitability.

The client needed a complete overhaul of their operations to reduce fixed overhead costs, maintain service quality, and free leadership to pursue higher-margin client engagements.

Solutions Provided By DBSL

Upon understanding our client's problem(s), our team designed a multi-pronged offshore outsourcing model that shifted commodity work to a dedicated offshore CPA team while enabling the client firm to optimize its onshore staffing structure.

1 Dedicated US GAAP-Trained Offshore CPA Team

- Expertise in bookkeeping, payroll, reconciliation, and 1040/1120-S/1120 tax preparation
- Seamless integration with the firm's tax software (CCH ProSystem fx, Drake) and accounting tools
- 24-hour operational coverage enabling US business day + offshore overnight productivity

2 Standardized Workflow & Quality Framework

- Standardized templates for bookkeeping, tax prep, and quarterly reconciliation work
- Structured client intake and documentation system, reducing ambiguity and rework
- Two-tier review protocol: offshore team internal QA, then partner final review
- SLA-driven delivery timelines for monthly bookkeeping and quarterly tax preparation cycles

3 Automation & Data Management Infrastructure

- Automated data import and account reconciliation for recurring monthly bookkeeping tasks
- Automated validations: GL account codes, prior-year carryforwards, tax return cross-checks
- Centralized client document repository integrated with the firm's CRM
- Reduced manual data entry by 70%, improving both speed and accuracy

Result

Overhead Reduction & Profitability Gains

Within the first 12 months of our engagement, we were able to deliver measurable financial and operational improvements:

Metric	Result
Overhead Cost Reduction	40% reduction
Partner Billable Hours Freed for Advisory Work	750+ hours per partner annually
Bookkeeping Cycle Time	40% faster (5 days to 3 days)
Tax Return Processing (1040/1120-S)	50% improvement in QA turnaround
Client Rework & Revision Rate	Reduced from 18% to 5%
Client Satisfaction (NPS Increase)	From 38 to 58

As a result of our solution, the client saved approximately $520K annually by reducing staff hours, lowering payroll obligations, and reducing client revision costs. More significantly, we freed up capacity for the senior partners, enabling them to pursue $1.2M+ in new advisory engagements within the first year.

Strategic Business Impact

- Handled 25% more client volume with the same-sized team
- Eliminated low-margin commodity work while growing higher-margin services
- Reduced partner hours spent on routine compliance by 45%
- Faster turnaround times and higher quality attracted new clients and improved retention

Testimonial

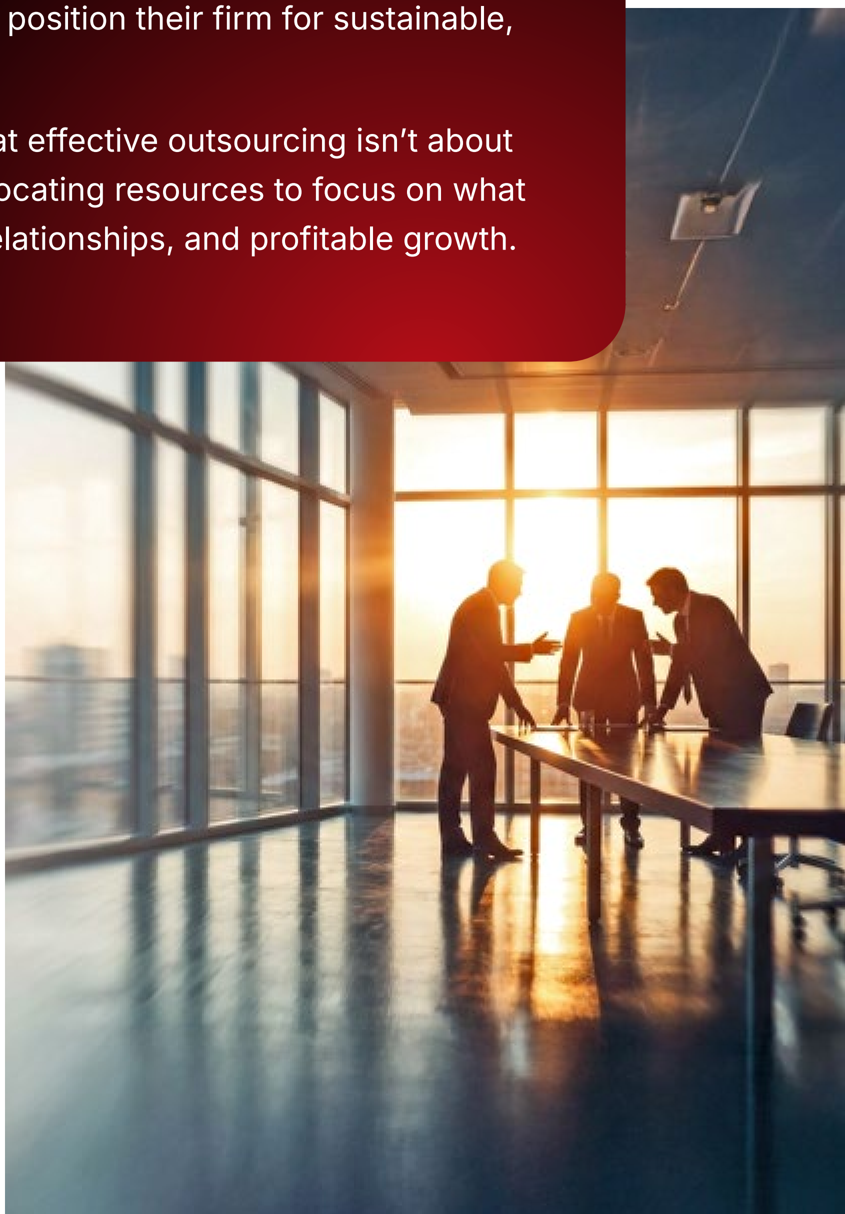
By partnering with Datamatics Business Solutions, we have slashed our overhead costs by 40% while shifting our focus to high-value advisory work. Their team's professionalism has significantly improved our margins and client satisfaction. They are an essential extension of our firm

— Managing Partner, Mid-Sized US CPA Firm

Conclusion

By strategically outsourcing commodity compliance work to our dedicated US tax expertise team, our client reduced operational overhead by 40% while improving service quality and client outcomes. The engagement helped our client unlock partner capacity for higher-margin advisory services, improve team satisfaction, and position their firm for sustainable, profitable growth.

Our outsourcing model demonstrates that effective outsourcing isn't about cost-cutting; it's about strategically reallocating resources to focus on what matters most: partner expertise, client relationships, and profitable growth.



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