

# Alex Ler, ACCA

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## About Me

Senior assurance associate with various Big-4 accounting firms experiences with exposures mainly in the financial services sector such as banking, capital markets and wealth asset management in Singapore and Malaysia. Being passionate in personal development, I attend pro bono valuation work as well as courses about financial modelling, project financing, valuations, and coding.

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## Work Experience

### Senior Consultant, Ler Lum Corporate Restructuring, Malaysia 2023 – Ongoing

- Portfolio involved corporate recovery services including handling of creditors/court winding up, scheme of arrangement, receivership, revival of abandoned projects and daily administration.

### Senior Assurance Associate, Ernst & Young, Singapore 2020 - 2022

- Clientele business: Digital Assets Capital Markets, Private Credit Fund Management, Private Equity Fund, Fund Management Company, Global Corporate & Institutional Bank, Wholesale Bank
- Portfolio included credit review, global shared service center, branch audit, compliance audit, regulatory returns review, providing internal control observations and recommendations, reviewing financial statements, drafting audit reports, and coaching junior staff members, leading team of ranging from 2 to 6 members with overseas collaboration across UK, AU, IN, PH
- Credit review included syndicate loan, operation loan, company structure, industry, product, regions, management profile, historical financial performance, liquidity and cashflow analysis, revenue composition, main customers & suppliers analysis, SWOT analysis, collateral, credit grading, KYC and customer due diligence
- Digital Assets Capital Markets being one of the start-ups in Asia that offers trading services in digital assets such as crypto currencies and asset-backed tokens

### Assurance Associate, KPMG, Malaysia 2018 - 2020

- Clientele business: Islamic Development Bank, Retail Fashion
- Portfolio included credit review, branch audit review, treasury, deposits, OPEX, liquidity risk, borrowings & payables etc.
- Led an agreed-upon procedure Perbadanan Insurans Deposit Malaysia (PIDM) validation project
- Credit review included bridging loan, term loan, company structure, industry, product, regions, management profile, historical financial performance, liquidity and cashflow analysis, collateral and credit grading
- Retail fashion company backed by PLC with revenue over MYR180m in trading and selling licensed branded products through departmental stores and boutiques

### Mentee, Young Corporate Malaysia 2019

- Participated in an off-the-job 2-months mentorship program in collaboration with a multinational food delivery company and pitched solutions focused on enhancing the supply chain and branding

### Management Trainee, HSBC, Malaysia 2016 - 2018

- Asset-Liability Management Rotation - In-charged of daily commentary of liquidity risk metrics, Asset-Liability Committee (ALCO) Pack and Internal Capital Adequacy and Assessment Process (ICAAP) by building multiple projections for capital ratios
- Finance COO Rotation - Aided in Business Risk Control Management (BRCM) team by conducting end-user computing testing and enhancing internal controls of Finance Department

### Graduate Trainee, Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC) 2016

- A 2-months Islamic capital market training program sponsored by SIDC, a L&D arm of Securities Commission Malaysia. Achieved Securities Commission Licensing Exam Module 6: Stock Market & Securities Law and Module 7: Financial Statement Analysis and Asset Valuation

### Assurance Intern, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Malaysia 2016

- Industry Involved: Oil and Gas, Construction and Property Development
- Improved analytical skills through casting, cross-casting, and consistency checks on financial data and financial statements

## **Ambassador, Warwick ASEAN Conference 2015**

- Participated in the organization and promotion of the first Warwick ASEAN conference to build network amongst the student communities in the UK for future ASEAN collaborations
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## **Education Backgrounds**

### **ACCA Affiliate, Sunway University 2012 - 2015**

- Completed 14 papers including P4 Advanced Corporate Finance and P7 Advanced Audit and Assurance

### **MSc Financial Analysis and Fund Management, University of Exeter 2014 - 2015**

- Distinction in Dissertation: An Event Study of the Inclusion Impact in FTSE4Good UK 50 on Shareholders Wealth
- Developed analytical skill through comprehensive financial analysis of companies by use of performance ratio, activity ratio, liquidity and solvency ratio as well as cash flow analysis
- Led a portfolio management team which involved top-down approach with active portfolio management style through FCF Model, Residual Income Model and Bloomberg Terminals

### **BSc in Applied Accounting, Honours, Oxford Brookes University 2012 - 2014**

- Honours Thesis: An Assessment of The Quality of The Corporate Governance Within an Organisation and The Impact on an Organisation's Key Stakeholders

### **Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar 2009 - 2010**

- IGCSE O-Level
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## **Award and Achievement**

### **Breaking into Wall Street: Financial Modelling Course 2022 – Ongoing**

Modules include 3-statements projection, merger model, leveraged buyout model, DCF analysis, equity value, enterprise value, and multiples

### **Mazars: Financial Modelling for Renewable Energy Projects 2021**

A day course on building financial model for a solar energy project covering cashflow waterfall, construction phase, operation phase, debt ratios (i.e. DSCR, LLCR), project returns and equity returns with scenario management taking into account of multiple sensitivities of factors etc.

### **Mazars: Best Practice Project Finance Modelling 2021**

A 2-days course on building financial model for a wind energy project covering cashflow waterfall, construction phase, operation phase, project returns and equity returns etc.

### **Wiley: Investment Banking – Valuation 2021**

An online course on building financial model for target company with the use of valuation methodologies such as comparable companies analysis, precedent transaction analysis and DCF

### **Udemy: Alteryx Essentials 2021**

### **Passed CFA Level I 2017**

### **Bloomberg Essentials Training Program 2015**

### **Exeter Award 2015**

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## **Skills**

- Advance in Excel (e.g. pivot, vlookup, index match etc.)
- Proficient in research using S&P Capital IQ, Bloomberg Terminal, Acuris Mergermarkets
- Proficient in Word and Powerpoint
- Basic in VBA
- Basic in Alteryx
- Basic in Power BI