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Profile

* ACCA Qualified (all first time passes), currently employed in the insolvency & restructuring practice of Alvarez and Marsal’s Cayman Islands office
* Previously worked in the funds audit & reissue departments of PwC Cayman Islands
* Previously worked with PwC in the London Mid Tier Business unit within PwC’s Assurance line of service.
* Accomplished in a broad range of disciplines including; Financial Accounting, Audit & Assurance, Business Analysis and People Management.

Key Skills

* Accredited member of ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)
* Experience in both being a member of and leading teams
* Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal
* Proficiency in all areas of Microsoft Office, including, Excel, Word and PowerPoint with additional experience using the Google suite of tools and applications.

Employment History

Senior Associate – Insolvency & Restructuring, Alvarez and Marsal, Cayman Islands

(November 2020 – Present)

Achievements and responsibilities:

* Assisting with asset recoveries in a number of different jurisdictions, mainly focused in South America. Participating in asset sales in these jurisdictions.
* Working in conjunction with legal counsel on a range of application in US Bankruptcy Court including an Assignment Agreement, default judgement in relation to an outstanding debt and turnover motion.
* Forensic investigation and review of email correspondence associated with investigations into potential litigation claims the liquidation estate may bring.

Associate – Insolvency & Restructuring, Alvarez and Marsal, Cayman Islands

(September 2019 – November 2020)

Achievements and responsibilities:

* Since joining A&M I have worked on several engagements including cross border insolvency and receivership appointments.
* My roles within these teams have included, forensic investigation and review of email correspondence associated with the Company over which we had been appointed Receivers, in order to ascertain if there had been a misuse/misappropriation of Company assets. Review of historical bank statements in order to ascertain the historical transactions of the Company, identifying and corresponding with parties that have historically transacted with the Company.
* Investigating the existence and value of assets held by an investment vehicle of which we had been appointed as Court Supervised Liquidators. Communicating with various stakeholder groups involved with the liquidation process and completing numerous statutory and administrative tasks related to the liquidation including filing documents with the Court and billing duties. In addition, reviewing the Company’s books and records using the Relativity platform.
* Communicating with parties involved in restructuring processes for the investment vehicles investments, located in several South American countries. In addition to assisting with the sale of a company’s asset based in Guatemala.

Senior Audit Associate, PwC, Cayman Islands

(November 2016 – August 2019)

Achievements and responsibilities:

* During an international secondment from PwC London I have been working within the assurance practice of the PwC Cayman Islands office as a senior associate.
* I work within the funds industry group and have audited a variety of hedge funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands. The size and nature of each fund’s investments varied giving me great exposure and understanding of the structure and operations of a hedge fund. I am responsible for completing all areas of the audit fieldwork for my largest client, a Master Feeder fund structure with additional standalone fund (NAV – Approximately $2 Billion USD) which comprises numerous Level 3 investments. Through testing these I have gained experience in understanding and valuing a range of L3 investments including CVR’s, distressed debt, SPAC’s.
* In addition I also recently completed a rotation in the funds reissue department, this involved reviewing numerous sets of financial statements to check their compliance with the relevant accounting standards (US GAAP, IFRS, Canadian GAAS) and submitting review comments to the performing PwC firm for updates to be made. Together with reviewing and ensuring other completion documents such as management representation letters and interoffice audit opinions were correct prior to the issue of our final audit opinion and filing with CIMA. Through this I have gained experience and built contacts within numerous overseas PwC firms and offices including various US offices, PwC Toronto, PwC Hong Kong. In the course of my time in reissue I have developed my knowledge with regards to the disclosure requirements of numerous accounting standards such as IFRS 9 and financial statements prepared on a terminating and liquidation basis. I was a member of the reissue team at their peak time of the year and had to work quickly and efficiently to meet client deadlines, dealing with numerous financial statement reviews at any one time and managing all stakeholders’ expectations (including the signing partner, performing firm, underlying funds management).

Senior Audit Associate, PwC, London

(September 2012 – October 2016)

Achievements and responsibilities:

* Through my time at PwC I have experienced working on a variety of clients in a number of industries, with a focus on the Real Estate & Construction and Energy industries.
* Prior to my secondment to PwC Cayman I was at the junior/assistant manager level within my audit engagements - responsible for leading a team below me and acting as the first point of contact for both the client and senior members of the audit team.
* Responsible for budgeting/forecasting and planning the scope and timings of the audit and all other organisational aspects of setting up the audit, including a first year audit.
* Audit of both consolidated and statutory financial statements under both IFRS and UK GAAP.
* Responsible for completing the audits of overseas subsidiaries, acting as the component auditor, reporting back into Group (United States, Europe)
* Current up to date working knowledge and best practice of key accounting standards, UK GAAP, IFRS, FRS101, audit methodology. In depth knowledge of contract accounting and the auditing of construction contracts.
* While working at PwC I completed the exams necessary to become a member of the ACCA, with first time passes for all exams, achieving the highest mark (88%) of PwC staff sitting the F5 – Performance Management paper in the June 2013 sitting.

Software Test Analyst, Logica, Leatherhead

(September 2011 – August 2012)

Achievements and responsibilities:

* During my time at Logica I worked towards completing a sponsored degree which involved attending University one day a week studying a BA in Business Management and working the remainder of the week as a software test analyst.
* As a software analyst I worked on testing a fire control system for the UK Ministry of Defense, my role included performing tests on the functionality, usability and implementation of the fire control system.
* I also designed, wrote and implemented new tests for updated versions of the software as well as finding and reporting bugs back to the development team to be fixed in future versions.
* Of a project team of over 40 people I was the youngest member and the first of my scheme to be selected to work on the project and as a result of my work a further two sponsored degree students were asked to join the project.

Marketing Assistant, Pfizer, Walton on the Hill

 (July 2010)

Achievements and responsibilities:

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* During my work experience at Pfizer I was tasked with carrying out an e-marketing analysis of the oncology marketplace.
* This included undertaking a full competitor analysis of e-marketing activities with a view to preparing and presenting recommendations for Pfizer’s e-marketing strategy going forward.
* I presented my report and findings directly to a oncology business unit team leader

Education

Howard of Effingham

(September 2009 – June 2011)

A-levels**:**

* Economics – A
* History – B
* Mathematics – C
* Biology - C

****Howard of Effingham****

(September 2004 – June 2009)

11 GCSEs, grade A\*-A, including Maths and English

Hobbies & Interests

I am enjoying the change in lifestyle and slower pace of life on offer in Cayman compared to London. A keen sportsman having played rugby at a county level in the UK I have been playing Rugby in Cayman for the Fidelity Storm as well as for the Cayman national touch rugby team including playing in overseas tournaments. As well as rugby I like to play squash, golf and scuba dive. The main downside I’ve found since moving to Cayman is the lack of winter climate which makes going skiing (my favourite sport) rather difficult!

Outside of work I believe in giving back to the community and run one of PwC’s CSR schemes which involves the PIN afterschool program here in Cayman. This consists of co-ordinating a team of volunteers in the office to go to an afterschool club on a weekly basis to help the children with their homework and also to run special projects such as preparing and then presenting on subjects such as life in Cayman which helps to give them confidence and presenting skills in addition to helping to improve their creative writing and computer skills.

I also give my time to Cayman’s four legged residents and regularly volunteer at the Humane Society giving the dogs there a much needed break, some fresh air and a chance to stretch their legs and have a run around.

References

References are available upon request.