

TAHIR MANZOOR

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Accomplished, award-winning finance professional with more than 17 years portfolio of success driving client audit engagements for “Big 4” world-leading professional services firms, PWC and KPMG. Seeking career transition into internal audit, compliance and risk management leadership position within asset management/alternative investment space. Thrives in developing, refining, implementing, monitoring, and testing compliance/financial/accounting policies, procedures and internal controls and benchmark processes, audit methodologies and approaches. Stays abreast of audit and regulatory requirements. Finely honed leadership, strategic and critical thinking, relationship-building and relationship-management, business development, negotiation, written and verbal communication, interpersonal, analytical, and problem-solving skills.

CAREER SYNOPSIS

- Managed large portfolios of complex asset management clients (with AUM of approximately US\$180 billion dollars) in the Cayman Islands, the British Virgin Islands and in Canada with physical operations across a range of onshore and offshore jurisdictions globally. Managed fund structures include master-feeder funds, stand-alone open ended funds, close-ended funds, pooled funds, fund of funds, real estate funds, private equity funds, and fund structures under segregated portfolio company.
- Expert in understanding the core issues faced by the asset management industry which include regulatory complexity, growth, operational efficiency, risk management and market volatility.
- Fully conversant with various investment strategies. Dealt with the various types of investment vehicles where underlying investments include listed equities, bonds, money market, commodities, private equities and loans, structured finance, asset backed securities, mortgage backed securities, real estate, collateral debt obligations, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, price return swaps, swaption, futures contracts, forward contracts and option contracts.
- Closely connected with exceptional network of renowned investment managers around the globe. Proven credentials on business development and relationship management.
- Subject matter expert on all major international standards i.e. US GAAP, IFRS, ISA, Canadian GAAS, US GAAS and AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide – Investment Companies.
- A dynamic leader dedicated with superior communication, presentation, interpersonal and co-ordination skills, and ability to interact with a wide range of stakeholders from diverse backgrounds.
- A self-motivated, confident and key business advisor with creativity and proven leadership capabilities with adaptability to new methodologies and applications; possessing pleasant, impressive and cheerful personality. Renowned as a strong people manager.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Monitor progress of the teams against deadlines and budgets. Consider longer-term impact and wider implications/risks of decisions and actions. Successfully manage multiple or complex engagements/projects simultaneously. Manage client expectations over volume, quality and speed of service. Close discussions with clear and explicit agreements with client and key stakeholders. Allocate team resources effectively. Consider the practicalities and costs involved when proposing a solution to a problem. Manage conflicting demands and priorities. Initiate and drive the relationship plans for key clients. Expertise in client service, teamwork and leadership. Pro-active with excellent project management & organizational skills.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PwC Canada, Downtown Toronto

January 2015 to Present

Senior Manager, Audit - Asset & Wealth Management Group (*Relationship Leader*)

Responsible for managing a diversified portfolio of asset management audit clients and developing and presenting client proposals, board presentations, & other related documents.

Involved in identifying and implementing strategies in areas needing audit improvements.

Reviewing financial statements in accordance with US GAAP, IFRS, and other national accounting standards.

Responsible for management, training and supervision of the personnel within the asset management group.

Directed teams with 3 to 30 members each and varying in level and skills set.

Major Accomplishments:

- Received spotlight awards on exceptional performance for the years ended 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- Led the business development program resulted in an increase in revenue (150%) on the assigned crown jewel clients over the past three years.

Engaged in dealing with family business

Oct 2013 – Dec 2014

KPMG CAYMAN ISLANDS & BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Oct 2005 to Sep 2013

Experienced Manager, Audit – Hedge Funds Group

Responsible for managing a diversified portfolio of hedge fund audit clients and developing and presenting client proposals, board presentations, & other related documents.

Reviewing financial statements in accordance with US GAAP, IFRS, and other national accounting standards.

Review and report on compliance with local and international statutory regulations, i.e. Code of Corporate Governance, Securities and Exchange Commission (U.S.A), Financial Services Authority (U.K), Cayman Islands Monetary Authority and BVI Financial Services Commission.

Directed teams with 5 to 25 members each and varying in level and skills set.

Selected by executive leadership to set-up and establish operations in British Virgin Islands (BVI); drove business development and client relationship-building to launch operational set-up in the BVI.

Major Accomplishments:

- Successfully reduced cost and improved efficiency across the entire audit group.
- Applauded by the Head of Audit for demonstrating outstanding performance and received the highest annual performance bonus in 2012.

PAKISTAN – KARACHI, Affiliate with TASSER HADI KHAILD & CO. (A Member firm of KPMG)

Promoted to Assistant Manager in June 2005, Audit Department

April 2001 - Sep 2005

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Work smarter not harder in the audit world as part of global audit efficiency program. Various soft skills courses on business development, behavioral sciences, managing people and client relationship management attended at KPMG New Manager Milestone Event in Cologne, Germany and PwC Canada. Trained new managers on a three days program "Leading the teams".

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountancy, ACCA – UK, 2004

Member of Cayman Islands & BVI Society of Professional Accountants 2005 – 2013

Head of ACCA voluntary members' committee in the Cayman Islands 2007 – 2011

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com) – 2002, University of Karachi, Pakistan

RECOMMENDATIONS: [LinkedIn Profile](#)

KEY CLIENTS SYNOPSIS:

Client Name/Qualitative or Quantitate indicator	Engagement type	Title and role in engagement
Goldman Sachs Asset Management – AUM of near \$1.5 trillion	External audit of Goldman Sachs Funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands and Canada – approximate net assets of the funds are \$4.5 billion	Senior Manager, overall responsible for the audit engagements. Responsible to assist partner and manage expectation of key stakeholders. Present audit results to the audit committee and/or BOD. Managed the team of managers, senior associates and associates. (Team size: 20 members)
State Street Global Advisors – AUM of \$2.8 trillion	External audit of SSGA Funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands and Canada - approximate net assets of the funds are \$20 billion	Senior Manager, overall responsible for the audit engagements. Responsible to assist partner and manage expectation of key stakeholders. Present audit results to the audit committee and/or BOD. Managed the team of managers, senior associates and associates. (Team size: 30 members)
BlackRock Asset Management – AUM of \$6.3 trillion	External audit of BlackRock Funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands and Canada - approximate net assets of the funds are \$900 million	Senior Manager, overall responsible for the audit engagements. Responsible to assist partner and manage expectation of key stakeholders. Present audit results to the audit committee and/or BOD. Managed the team of managers, senior associates and associates. (Team size: 20 members)
Norinchukin Zenkyoren Asset Management – AUM of 16 trillion (Japanese Yen)	External audit of Norinchukin Funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands - approximate net assets of the funds are \$30 billion	Senior Manager, overall responsible for the audit engagements. Responsible to assist partner and manage expectation of key stakeholders. Managed the team of managers, senior associates and associates. (Team size: 28 members)
EnTrustPermal – AUM of \$26 billion	External audit of EnTrustPermal Funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands - approximate net assets of the funds are \$12.5 billion	Experienced Manager, responsible to support the senior manager and partner. Managed the team of senior associates and experienced associates. (Team size: 25 members)
Asset Management One (Part of Mizuho Financial Group) – AUM of over \$450 billion	External audit of Mizuho Funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands - approximate net assets of the funds are \$650 million	Senior Manager, overall responsible for the audit engagements. Responsible to assist partner and manage expectation of key stakeholders. Managed the team of managers, senior associates and associates. (Team size: 14 members)
ITAU Asset Management – AUM of over \$157 billion	External audit of ITAU Funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands - approximate net assets of the funds are \$18 billion	Senior Manager, overall responsible for the audit engagements. Responsible to assist partner and manage expectation of key stakeholders. Present audit results to the audit committee and/or BOD. Managed the team of managers, senior associates and associates. (Team size: 18 members)
Knight Vinke Asset Management – AUM of approx. \$1 billion	External audit of Knight Vinke Funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands and USA - approximate net assets of the funds are \$800 million	Senior Manager, overall responsible for the audit engagements. Responsible to assist partner and manage expectation of key stakeholders. Managed the team of managers, senior associates and associates. (Team size: 8 members)

Janus Henderson – AUM of over \$370 billion	External audit of Goldman Sachs Funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands - approximate net assets of the funds are \$300 million	Senior Manager, overall responsible for the audit engagements. Responsible to assist partner and manage expectation of key stakeholders. Managed the team of managers, senior associates and associates. (Team size: 7 members)
Citigroup Asset Management – AUM of over \$250 billion	External audit of Goldman Sachs Funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands and USA - approximate net assets of the funds are \$15 billion	Experienced Manager, responsible to support the senior manager and partner. Managed the team of senior associates and experienced associates. (Team size: 22 members)
CI Investments Inc. – AUM of over \$140 billion	External audit of investment management firm as well as managed funds domiciled in Canada - approximate net assets of the funds are \$45 billion	Senior Manager, overall responsible for the audit engagements. Responsible to assist partner and manage expectation of key stakeholders. Managed the team of managers, senior associates and associates. (Team size: 27 members)
AGF Management – AUM of \$38 billion	External audit of investment management firm as well as managed funds domiciled in Canada - approximate net assets of the funds are \$8 billion	Manager, responsible to support the senior manager and partner. Managed the team of senior associates and experienced associates. (Team size: 20 members)
National Bank of Pakistan – Total Assets of PKR 2.37 trillion	External Audit	Supervisor leading the audit team of senior associates, and experienced associates. (Team size: 30 members)
Bank Alfalah (private bank owned by Abu Dhabi United Group – Total Assets of PKR 988 billion	External Audit	Supervisor leading the audit team of senior associates, and experienced associates. (Team size: 25 members)
Virgin Group	External audit of the Necker Island	Experienced Manager, responsible to support the partner. Managed the team of senior associates and associates. (Team size 5 members)