

SEKAR ASMARA

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PROFILE SUMMARY

- Master of Accounting graduate from University of Melbourne, Australia
Recipient of Australia Partnership Scholarship (APS), a merit-based full scholarship from AusAID
- Chartered Accountant of Indonesian Institute of Accountant
- Over 10 years of experience - of which 8 years as an auditor in big four accounting firms - with specialization in the audit of financial services
- Possess good cultural sensitivity, adaptability, and interpersonal skills to collaborate effectively in a diverse setting

WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2011 – Present Audit Manager
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Singapore

Main responsibilities

- Manage a portfolio of 12-15 head clients per financial year within the Asset & Wealth Management industry (including asset managers, unit trusts, hedge funds, real estate and infrastructure funds, private equity)
- Responsible for the quality of the work products; ensure high quality deliverables are met within the allocated time and budget
- Manage project financials, including budgets, timely billing and collection, and variance recognition
- Evaluate companies' internal controls and processes, identify and communicate to client any control weaknesses identified, and recommend improvements to the effectiveness and efficiency
- Prepare proposals and client presentations
- Identify ways to maximize relationship with clients and deliver added value
- Coach and evaluate performance of team members

Career Highlights

Project Management:

- Leading audit engagements of multinational asset management companies (i.e. Schroder Funds, Vanguard, Natixis Asset Management)
- Turning loss making engagements to profits, while shortening the delivery timeline to clients 3 weeks before statutory filing deadline and sustaining the quality of the deliverables
- Increasing project economics and efficiency by maintaining a low turnover of staffing and streamlining the audit approach

Leadership and Teamwork:

- Leading a team of up to 10 team members, both in Singapore and overseas
- Managing engagements with different line of services in PwC and other foreign offices (e.g. US, UK, Hong Kong, Cayman Islands, Luxembourg, the Netherlands)
- Presenting audit plans and findings to the Audit Committee and Board of Directors

Technical Capabilities:

- Designated comprehensive regulatory compliance reviewer of licensed/regulated client engagements
- Receiving positive feedbacks from various clients from enhancing their internal control effectiveness and compliance with regulatory requirements by presenting valuable audit findings and recommendations

Business Acumen:

- Proactively creating opportunities by identifying client needs, pitching for various services and converting them into proposals – won approximately 70% of the pursued opportunities
- Leading the new clients take-on team consisting of 12 audit managers

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January 2010 – May 2011 Audit Senior Associate
Ernst & Young, Indonesia

Main responsibilities

- Led audit teams during the audit fieldwork and communicated potential issues to the team manager
- Demonstrated critical thinking skills, technical knowledge and understanding of client's business, as well as utilised full range of available tools and methodologies to complete assignments with minimal supervision
- Assisted in the review of financial statements and production of other deliverables
- Supervised and coached team members

Career Highlights

- Promoted from senior associate to experienced senior associate after only 6 months
- Team in-charge for special purpose financial audit for the rights issue of one of the Indonesian state banks, PT. Bank Negara Indonesia (Persero) Tbk., in 2010

2009 Career break taken to travel and spend time with parents following their retirement

2007 - 2008 Master's study

September 2004 – March 2007 Assistant to Lecturer
Accounting Department, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia

Main responsibilities

- Delivered face-to-face teaching in a variety of settings from small group tutorials to large lectures, ensuring content, methods of delivery, and learning materials met the defined learning objectives for individual teaching sessions
- Set and marked assignments and examinations by reference to defined criteria and provided constructive feedback to students

October 2002 – November 2004 Audit Assistant
Ernst & Young, Indonesia

Main responsibilities

- Examined clients' internal accounting controls and processes, identified the risks inherent to the client's business and their potential impact on the financial statements
- Performed final audit and analysed financial statements using the audit methodology

EDUCATION

July 2007 – March 2009 Master of Accounting
The University of Melbourne, Australia

Recipient of Australia Partnership Scholarship (APS), a merit-based full scholarship from AusAID

September 1999 – July 2003 Bachelor of Economics, Accounting (major)
University of Indonesia, Indonesia

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages English (proficient), Bahasa Indonesia (mother tongue)
Computer skills Microsoft Office™

REFERENCES

Available upon request