



Alumni on the Rise

A collection of KPMG alumni who have excelled in their careers.



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KPMG Experience

At KPMG, I got to work with some incredibly smart people and make great connections. One of my favorite memories from the firm is overcoming the initial learning curve after graduating from college. As a result, I learned to build resilience – a critical skill in both personal and professional development that I will continue to work on throughout my career.

Current Role

Apteko is working to cure cancer, and it's rewarding to work for a company with a strong purpose. As Director of Finance, I work closely with multiple functions to develop their two-year budget plan and monitor overall cashflow to ensure we meet our company's goals. My team ensures that complex transactions are appropriately accounted for and required disclosures are made in our public filings. Recently, I have been spending most of my time working with our executive team on fundraising activities and managing the company's cashflow. Annually, I also present our company's budget to the Board for approval and subsequently present our quarterly financial results to our Audit Committee.

Future Endeavors

Although I want to grow in the finance and accounting profession, I have not made up my mind as to a specific route I want to take, but I would like to be in a CFO role someday. I am also interested in taking on new tasks – though challenging, I have found this to be one of the best ways to develop new skills. I speak to more experienced people in my industry as that helps provide fresh perspectives to grow.



Hobbies and Passions

I like to hike, go camping, and volunteer at a local food pantry with my wife. Recently, I have enjoyed taking our one-year-old daughter to different playgrounds and parks around the neighborhood. Additionally, I am an advisory board member for an accounting program at a local college, where I advise faculty on current industry trends and provide feedback on accounting course materials.

Words of Advice

Don't be afraid of change. While it is human nature to resist it, I have found change to be influential in my day-to-day working environment and when making bigger career choices.



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KPMG Experience

I was one of fifty students selected for the inaugural cohort of the KPMG Master of Accounting with Data and Analytics Program, which incorporated data analytics into the traditional curriculum and fully funded my graduate education. My favorite part about working at the firm was that you had a vast network with all types of specialized knowledge at your fingertips. Learning the importance of collaboration also helped me foster many great KPMG relationships that I still have today.

Current Role

As an investor relations associate, I cover Brookfield's real estate private funds. I oversee the coordination and execution of quarterly deliverables and ongoing investor support for our global opportunistic strategy. I also support fundraising efforts by developing pitchbooks and other materials for prospect meetings and various events.

Future Endeavors

I want my career to be known for always raising my hand and saying yes to new opportunities. I hope to continue providing value to Brookfield and would love to eventually get exposure to some of the other strategies Brookfield employs outside of opportunistic real estate.

Hobbies and Passions

I love being active and outside. I try to practice yoga a couple times a



week and enjoy hiking in upstate New York with family and friends, traveling, and listening to podcasts. I look forward to participating in and contributing to the annual Wall Street Run & Heart Walk. I also sit on the KPMG New York Financial Services Audit Alumni Board, where I help alumni identify resources and opportunities to excel in their careers.

Words of Advice

My first day at KPMG National Intern Training we were told to "be a sponge." That piece of advice has followed me throughout my career, reminding me to stay curious and always strive to learn new things – even after that initial transition period in a role or company has worn off. The ability to be fully present and absorb as much new information and what is going on around you is essential.



James Walker

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KPMG Experience

My early career responsibilities and exposure to multiple public companies make me believe KPMG is one of the best places to start a career. I gained the ability to read and interpret financial statements and still utilize the analytical and technical accounting skills that I learned at KPMG in my current role. I was surrounded by hard-working, intelligent and caring individuals that are now life-long friends I continue to stay in touch with today.

Current Role

As a Senior Director of Business Management, I lead a team of approximately one hundred finance and accounting professionals that provide financial oversight for a business unit of Northrop Grumman, which provides solid rocket propulsion for national security and defense. I enjoy working in the Aerospace & Defense industry and meeting the teams that build some of the most advanced products for our country.

Future Endeavors

While I am uncertain on what the future will hold, I will continue seeking the next opportunity to feel challenged and learn something new. Whether that includes a new role, new geographic location, or new team, I want to remain welcome to opportunities outside of my comfort zone. Additionally, since I have benefited from many great mentors and bosses, I would also like to help those earlier in their careers.



Hobbies and Passions

I enjoy golfing, traveling, and combining both where I can. For example, last year my fiancée Shelby and I took an RV trip through Utah to see many of the National Parks (including Zion National Park, seen above), but I also managed to get in a few rounds of golf. At home in DC, I'm looking forward to getting more involved in local organizations, such as FirstTee, that are making an impact on our city.

Words of Advice

Do the right thing rather than what could often be the easier or quicker option. Understanding that leadership will support you in doing the right thing has carried with me and aligns with the trust I look to build on my teams today.

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