

Abirami Shankar

Finance, Audit and Process Improvement Professional

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Finance and audit professional with experience across external audit, financial reporting, finance operations and regulatory-sector finance. Progressed to Audit Associate II after taking increasing ownership of multiple engagements, client coordination, financial statement preparation and technical accounting matters. Experienced in applying Financial Reporting Standards across consolidations, impairment, revenue recognition, leases, related-party transactions and group reporting. Strong interest in finance transformation, workflow automation and practical AI applications that improve documentation, consistency and efficiency while preserving professional judgement and human review.

CORE COMPETENCIES

External Audit · Financial Reporting · Financial Statement Preparation · Audit Planning and Execution · Risk Assessment · Internal Controls · Technical Accounting Research · Financial Reporting Standards · Consolidation · Impairment Assessment · Revenue Recognition · Contract Liabilities · Lease Accounting · Related-Party Transactions · Group Reporting · Bank Reconciliation · Stakeholder Management · Client Coordination · Process Improvement · Workflow Automation · Applied AI · Microsoft Excel · Audit Documentation · Professional Judgement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kreston Helmi Talib LLP

Singapore

Audit Associate II

January 2026 – Present

Audit Associate I

November 2024 – December 2025

Promoted from Audit Associate I to Audit Associate II

- Progressed from Audit Associate I to Audit Associate II, assuming greater ownership across audit planning, fieldwork, financial statement preparation, client coordination and engagement completion.
- Lead multiple audit engagements across a diverse client portfolio, balancing reporting deadlines, client requests and concurrent assignments.
- Managed 10 audit engagements during a recent appraisal period, including up to four engagements concurrently during peak periods.
- Completed seven engagements during the appraisal period, with six delivered within agreed or revised timelines.
- Prepare audit working papers and financial statements with clear linkage between identified risks, procedures performed, evidence obtained and conclusions reached.
- Applied prior-year review feedback across six recurring clients to strengthen documentation quality, consistency and professional judgement.
- Evaluate technical accounting matters and interpret relevant Financial Reporting Standards before discussing judgemental areas with managers.
- Execute audit work involving consolidations, impairment, revenue recognition, contract liabilities, leases, related-party transactions and group reporting.
- Coordinate directly with client stakeholders to resolve audit queries, obtain outstanding information and address matters affecting reporting timelines.
- Co-developed and presented an internal AI and automation initiative with two colleagues, exploring Outlook workflows, PowerShell-based engagement folders, audit completion tracking, journal-entry matching, general-ledger filtering and automated foreign-exchange data extraction.
- Drive process improvements that strengthen engagement efficiency, documentation quality and consistency.

KPMG

Singapore

Audit Associate

January 2024 – November 2024

- Executed audit procedures across financial statement areas and prepared supporting working papers.
- Analysed client records, assessed financial reporting risks and evaluated relevant internal controls.
- Contributed to financial statement review, audit documentation and engagement completion.
- Coordinated with engagement teams and client stakeholders to address outstanding audit matters.
- Applied accounting and auditing standards when completing assigned work.

Monetary Authority of Singapore
Temporary Finance Assistant

Singapore

September 2023 – December 2023

- Recorded daily receipts in the Bill Aggregator and maintained accurate transaction records.
- Performed MEPS+ inward repair activities for Vostro payments.
- Completed weekly and monthly bank reconciliations across six bank accounts.
- Processed ad-hoc CISNET and OPERA receipts, bank transactions and refunds.
- Reviewed international revenue classifications for services and goods provided outside Singapore.

Deloitte Asia Pacific

Singapore

Audit Fastrack Intern

December 2022 – September 2023

- Contributed to approximately 15 audit engagements involving multiple entities and reporting requirements.
- Updated trial balances, financial statement schedules, materiality calculations and audit documentation.
- Prepared and updated consolidated financial statements, IFRS checklists and relevant audit manuals.
- Performed vouching, sampling, revenue reconciliation and testing across profit-and-loss and balance-sheet accounts.
- Used SAP and audit platforms to retrieve documents and complete assigned audit procedures.
- Coordinated with engagement teams and client contacts while managing multiple deadlines.

Mothercare Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong

Singapore

Finance Intern

August 2022 – November 2022

- Prepared supporting reports for bank reconciliation.
- Monitored bank transactions and investigated discrepancies.
- Reconciled differences between company accounts and financial records.

EDUCATION

Singapore Institute of Management

Singapore

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Accounting and Finance

2019 – 2023

TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft Excel · Audit platforms · SAP · PowerShell concepts · Workflow automation · AI-assisted research and drafting · General-ledger filtering · Journal-entry matching · Data reconciliation · Microsoft Outlook

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

SIM Career Champs

Singapore

Director of Partnerships and Engagement

August 2022 – January 2023

- Coordinated career and internship initiatives involving external organisations and student participants.
- Managed stakeholder communication, programme planning and event execution.

SIM Career Champs

Singapore

Partnerships and Engagement Associate Member

September 2021 – August 2022

SIM Accounting Association

Singapore

Research and Editorial Subcommittee Member

September 2021 – February 2022

- Contributed to accounting-industry editorial content and professional-development initiatives.
- Coordinated an interview with a Deloitte manager and assisted with an interview-preparation series.