



# Audit

## Creating value for growth orientated businesses

Dynamic growth-based organisations want a deep insight into the real performance of their business, whatever its size or nature, an audit achieves this.

An audit seeks to provide a real overview of the financial performance of a business, whilst improving an entities efficiency and profitability. This is achieved through the insightful financial results which an audit can uncover, such data allows key stakeholders to make calculated risks, whilst assessing elements within the financial structure which may need improvements.

As a client of Grant Thornton, you can rest assured that the reported financial results are fair and meet the necessary international standards. Our Partners are involved at key stages of an audit, thereby offering you the level of quality and accuracy of conclusions which you would expect from a dynamic global organisation.

By listening carefully to your strategic objectives and giving you a framework to facilitate your decision making, we can provide a robust challenge to your proposals and an independent, commercial perspective for you to consider.

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*As one of the largest accounting firms, Grant Thornton understands how important audited financial statements are to businesses, shareholders/owners, lenders, investors and other key stakeholders.*

*We work with some of the region’s most successful private and public companies. Our approach is to first understand the business and the risks it faces and then to focus our efforts where it matters most. Our method is both effective and cost efficient.”*

### Our services include:

- Financial statement audits
- Audit related services: financial statement reviews, compilations, agreed-upon-procedures, special purpose audits
- Specialized assurance services: conversions and early adoption solutions
- Technical accounting & reporting advice and solutions
- Attestations & certifications: RERA and home owners

*To discuss any of the above services, please contact our specialist team as outlined overleaf.*



# We give you local access to global expertise



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Samer has extensive experience leading complex audit engagements for global investment banks, FTSE 100 banks, sovereign wealth funds, investment managers and international banks. He has directed the audit of a number of financial services teams of clients that have multi-location operations, in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. He was instrumental in the formation of the UK Islamic finance practice and developed new products and solutions to deliver to all UK Islamic financial institutions, FTSE 100 banks and global investment banks, which saw him becoming de facto UK Head of Islamic Finance in 2009 and Global Head in 2013 for a Big Four. Samer holds a BSc in Economics from the London School of Economics amongst other accolades.

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Darren has spent more than 15 years within the Big Four firms, he has worked for both Deloitte and EY within the UK and with EY in Kuwait. During his professional career he has serviced a diverse portfolio of clients across a variety of industries. He has experience of serving small owner managed businesses through to complex global groups. He has extensive experience of IFRS and has also worked on SEC listed clients where he has experience with Sox 404 reporting requirements. Darren is a Chartered Certified Accountant (FCCA) with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in the UK.

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Khurram has extensive experience exceeding 16 years. Khurram has an in-depth knowledge of ethics, corporate governance, IFRS and IPSAS. He specialises in auditing of a wide range of sectors which include; Real Estate, Financial Services and Aviation to name a few. He is an expert in Islamic Finance Consultancy and has thorough knowledge of this principle. Khurram is an Associate member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan, Associate member of Pakistan Institute of Public Finance Accountants, Member of Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment-UK for Islamic Finance and has a Qualification and Master in Business Administration with major in Marketing.

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With over 18 years of experience, of which a large proportion has been spent with KPMG in Canada, Jay brings an extensive level of expertise. During his profession he has serviced a diverse portfolio of clients which includes mid to large size public listed companies under IFRS reporting, whilst also working on SEC listed clients with US GAAP and SOx 404 reporting requirements. Jay is a licensed Chartered Accountant (CA) at the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Alberta, Canada and a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) at Delaware State Board of Accountancy, USA.

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Osama has gained 18 years of experience within the Big Four firms. During his time at Ernst & Young and KPMG he was instrumental in auditing, accounting, risk management and financial due diligence for many large clients across various industries. Osama has a wealth of experience in IFRS, US GAAP and SOCPA ("Saudi GAAP"). Osama qualified from Ain Shams University in Egypt with a Bachelors of Commerce, majoring in Accounting and obtained his Certified Public Accounting certification ("CPA") from Chicago, Illinois, United States of America. He also holds a Masters in Business Administration.

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