

CASE STUDY



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Every person has their own targets in life; my target was to become a professional accountant.

I started my education in Toronto, Canada and completed a Bachelor Degree in Business Management, specialising in Accounting and Finance at Ryerson University. After graduating I continued my education in Europe and began a Master's in Accounting and Finance (MSc) at Birmingham University. Having obtained these academic qualifications I decided to undertake a professional qualification since the competition in Cyprus is strong and I applied as an Affiliate Member at the Association of International Accountants (AIA). From the very beginning I knew I wanted to work hard to complete the exams and work experience

requirements to qualify and become an Associate Member.

I was working at the same time as studying and whilst at times it was a challenge, I was determined to succeed and qualify as a professional accountant. In 2012, I passed the Profession Level 2 exams and I became an AIA Associate (AAIA). I was delighted and surprised to have won

the AIA Student of the Year Award in the same year, but it shows me that all my efforts were worthwhile.

After my graduation from my Master's Degree, I worked for KPMG as a Senior Supervisor. During that period the Cyprus Stock Market was booming and I received a job offer as Financial Manager in one of the biggest Stock Broker firms. Unfortunately after two years the financial crisis hit and the market collapsed. At this point, I decided to leave the industry and look at different fields.

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I went on to work as Group Financial Director for a production company and was in charge of installing a new software system that allowed the organisation to know the exact cost on every product produced and operate more competitively. More recently, I was offered a position at the biggest construction group in Cyprus, Iacovou Group, where I am Subsidiary Financial Manager. The group consists of more than 20 companies and whilst it is a big challenge, the AIA has given me the skill, knowledge and support to ensure I am equipped to succeed.

I believe every person should have targets. I knew that I wanted to work in this field and I knew I would have to work hard to do so, but I have gained a very rewarding career. You need to dedicate willingness and time to fulfil your dreams. I think I have fulfilled mine.