

CASE STUDY



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Sanket Dawda, AAIA, works for GlaxoSmithKline in the capacity of Director, Head Corporate Investigations Team Asia Pacific. GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) is a British multinational pharmaceutical, biologics, vaccines and consumer healthcare company which has its headquarters in Brentford, London. The company has a primary listing on the London Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the FTSE 100 Index.

As a part of the Corporate Investigations Team, Sanket works with a multi-disciplinary team which includes accountants, lawyers, experienced investigators, including ex-law enforcement and military professionals who responsible for conducting investigations. Being an accountant and investigator by training his role involves looking at financial crime, bribery and corruption, whistleblower allegations amongst other things.

'Accounting' is a key element and the base for any 'Forensic Accounting' professional. In his current role, which expands across jurisdictions, keeping track of the developments in the accounting, tax and the regulatory maze and learning about the global trends is essential.

In the 'global village' today access to quality resources which supplement decision making is a critical requirement, and the news and information supplied by AIA through International Accountant magazine and other channels is invaluable.

“The AIA Professional Qualification helps you in building a global perspective, this in turn helps you localise the best practices and pursue excellence in your area of expertise. I have benefitted from the qualification on a personal as well as professional basis.”

I learnt of the AIA qualification through newsletters of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Being a Chartered Accountant, it was a straight forward decision for career progression and personal development, once I learnt about the membership and its benefits.

"AIA as a qualification gives you instant recognition globally and allows you to gain that additional edge over competition in today's highly competitive global village market.

“Getting quality guidance in the accounting profession isn't the easiest; AIA offers additional resources which are extremely useful irrespective of the stage on your career graph. Right from an Accounts Executive to a CFO all would benefit from the resources. The legacy and the presence of the institution around the globe is an additional plus.”